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Alderman Mahoney came before the Board and asked that a hand ball court be laid out at Charlestown Playground. The Commissioners stated that the plans for the ground were in the hands of the Landscape Architects and that the matter would be considered by them in their report.

A communication from Commodore Morrill, of the South Boston Yacht Club, submitting a proposal to waive the removal of the present club house on condition of the extension of their occupancy for twenty years, was received and laid over for future consideration.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston June 19, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Stratton, also Messrs J. C. Olmsted and E. W. Howe.

The Board conferred with Mr. Dooling with reference to the fitting up of the refectory at Franklin Park, also with Mr Bow regarding the Head House.

Mr. Babson conferred with the Board with reference to the claim of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Company for damages on account of the taking of its right of way.

A communication was received from the City Messenger requesting leave to erect a band stand at Marine Park for eleven consecutive Sundays beginning June 21st, and it was

Voted, that the City Messenger be authorized to give concerts at Marine Park

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in accordance with his letter of June 18th, the band stand to be erected on the beach near the Head House.

Proposals for flooring the Pergola at Franklin Park were received from Hartwell Richardson and Driver as follows:

John J. Flynn, 2 inch plank $1250.00
1⅛ " " 1150.00
including the removal of surplus gravel.

William T. Eaton 2 inch plank $622.00
1¼ " " 522.00

and it was

Voted, to accept the lowest bid for 2 in. plank.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston June 22nd 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a report on the application of Charles J. Page for the replanting and improvement of the plantations of Westland Entrance, which was placed on file and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to Mr. Page.

A proposal of William L. Miller to furnish materials and repair iron cylinders of Pier at Marine Park, according to plans and directions of the City Engineer, for the sum of five hundred fifty dollars, was submitted by Mr. Howe who stated that the figure was a low one, and it was

Voted, to accept Mr. Miller's proposal.

A conference was held with Mr. Dooling regarding the fitting up of the Franklin Park Refectory. Mr. Dooling agreed to furnish the tea and coffee urns in consideration of the City's putting in all the other fixtures called for in the estimates submitted by him at the last meeting. It was thereupon

Voted, to approve the estimates for the other work except the masonry.

The question of the installation of an electric light plant was referred to Stone and Webster for report.

Mr. Chas. W. Pierce, president of the Citizen's Improvement Association of Ward 25, came before the Board to advocate the taking of Strong's and Chandler's ponds for park purposes. The Commissioners replied that in their opinion the question should be referred to the Metropolitan Park Commission.

Mr. F. S. Wilson Engineer of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company came before the Board to explain the request of the Company for permits for the laying of its mains in Commonwealth avenue between Massachusetts Avenue and Beacon street. After some discussion in which Mr. Wilson stated that the Company would put its mains and conduit in the same trench and submit new plans for the approval of the Engineer-in-Charge, the Secretary was directed to issue permits accordingly.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment for ten thousand dollars and interest for two years and two months, on the petition of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Company for damages for the taking of its right of way for park purposes December 7, 1893.

Adjourned to June 29th at 2 P.M.

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Boston, June 29th 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J.C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting and special meeting of June 19th. were read and approved.

A communication from E. M. Wheelwright enclosing letter from Anne Whitney relating to the position of the bronze fountain at Pine Bank, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with the Architects.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven relating to the final completion of and insurance on the Pine Bank House was received and placed on file.

A request of Julius Pratt for leave to place insurance on the refectories at Pine Bank and Franklin Park was received and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

An order of the Common Council requesting that one of the ball grounds at Franklin Park be reserved for working men on Saturday afternoons during June, July, August and September, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council requesting that bathing facilities at Marine Park be made free to the public was received and placed on file.

A communication from John P. Leahy requesting the completion of Dorchesterway, between Pond street and Dorchester avenue was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Duparquet, Huot and Moneuse Company relating to a reducing valve on the steam kettles and other fixtures at the Head House, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Public Buildings to be considered in connection with other work to be done under his direction

A proposal of Michael J. Leonard to do plumbing work at the refectory, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Engineer-in-Charge

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relating to changes in plumbing for the bath houses at the Head House and other matters was received. Mr. E. L. Reed and Mr. Wilson inspector of plumbing also came before the Board and they were instructed to prepare a plan and obtain estimates for the work necessary to be done.

A report from Stone and Webster relating to electric plant at refectory, Franklin Park, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Reed submitted a proposal of Gerry and Northup for hinging sashes in second story of the Head House, Marine Park, for three dollars each, which was accepted.

A communication from George S. Hale relating to baby carriages at Franklin Park was received and placed on file.

On request of the City Messenger in behalf of the Citizens' Association of South Boston, for a permit to set off fireworks at Marine Park, Monday June 29th., it was

Voted, that the Citizens' Association of South Boston have permission to display fireworks on the beach at Marine Park, between the Farragut statue and the bridge running to Castle Island, June 29th., under the direction of the police.

On request of John F. Dever in behalf of the Committee on Celebration of July 4th. for use of portions of Franklin Park for bicycle races, fireworks and band concert, also of Marine Park for fireworks and concert, on said day it was

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Voted, that the Committee on the Celebration of the Fourth of July be given permission to hold bicycle races at Franklin Park, also a band concert and fireworks at Franklin and Marine Parks, the locations to be approved by the Engineer in Charge.

On request of F. C. Graham for a permit that will allow him to run an ambulance wagon through the parkways while conveying patients to the hospitals it was

Voted, that Franklin C. Graham, of Hyde Park, have permission to drive a wagon with the word "ambulance" on the side, through the parkways, in emergency cases, while engaged in the actual conveyance of patients.

A request of Miss E. M. Seaverns that the children attending a picnic at Franklin Park be permitted to sing, also, requests of J. H. McKendy, Francis N. Kievenaar and Herbert W. Hobbs for permits to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park were granted.

A request of Joseph S. Perry, janitor of the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, for a vacation without loss of pay was refused.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects on the subject of a proposed walk adjoining the Longwood avenue bridge, also, regarding the proposed inscription of the Farragut statue and other matters in connection with the administration of affairs at Marine Park which was read and placed on file. Mr Olmsted also submitted a revised plan for Charlestown Playground.

Voted, that the old refectory building at Marine Park also the Bradstreet house on the Arborway be sold at public auction and that the Secretary make the necessary arrangements.

Messrs J. J. Quin and Daniel S. Prendergast came before the Board to ask that inclined planes be provided at the pier and bridge at Marine Park to facilitate the passage of baby carriages. The plan was referred to the Engineer and Landscape Architects for consideration.

Mr. Hartwell came before the Board with proposals for electric light fixtures for Franklin Park Refectory. The bids for temporary fixtures only were considered and the bid of E. & E. K. Tarbell amounting to one hundred eighteen 75/100 dollars was accepted, it being the lowest bid submitted. The bids for permanent fixtures were referred to the architects.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to construct walks and place seats in Dorchester Park and to concider the feasibility of grading a portion of the grounds for a playstead; also requesting that a sand pit be provided at the North End Park for the use of children, referred by the Mayor to this Board, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report on the advisability of constructing a parkway from the Strandway across South Bay to the junction of Swett Street and Massachusetts avenue, and as to whether it can be constructed out of the appropriation of one million dollars granted by the Legislature, was received and laid over.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report as to expediency of providing facilities for watering horses at the entrance to Franklin Park on Blue Hill Avenue and other convenient places in the park system was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Councilman Daniel J. Kiley, relating to the erection of a flag-pole at Charlesbank was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

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The application of James F. Hayes for the Pine Bank House, was received and Mr Hayes was given a hearing regarding his application.

A communication from Woodbury and Leighton relative to the attachment of a guy rope to a tree on Commonwealth avenue was received and the Secretary was directed to notify them to remove it to a guy post for which a permit will be issued on application.

A request of Uriel H. Crocker that the pools below Ward's pond be puddled to prevent the water from seeping through, was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

A communication from F. B. Wentworth relating to the rate charged for boats with request that it be reduced to twenty five cents per hour, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright enclosing bill of M. H. Mosman for labor etc, on drinking fountain designed by Miss Whitney, Pine Bank, also criticism regarding the setting of the fountain with the figure facing the building, was received and the Secretary was directed to correspond with Mr Mosman regarding the matter.

Mr. Olmsted submitted several sketches for a playground at Neponset as provided for in the order of the City Council approved April 8th 1896, and the Secretary was directed to confer with the owners of the land to see at what price the land can be obtained by purchase.

The bid of R. Hollings & Co of ninety dollars for gas fixtures in the rear of the Head House, Marine Park was accepted.

Geo. F. Clarke
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Boston July 2, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Mayor Quincy and Messrs Howe and J.C. Olmsted.

A communication had been received from the Mayor with regard to the sinking of the float at Castle Island on Monday, instituting inquiries as to the responsibility for the accident, and a private hearing was given for the purpose of investigating the matter, at which the testimony of W. E. Sheldon, Lucy T. and Anna C. Burke, Officer Frank M. Peckham, Sergeant Charles E. Keith, David W. Nickerson, George W. Webber, Captain of the Ella, James A. Ellis, engineer of the Ella, Robert J. Farrell deckhand, and Mr. Howe were taken, a report of which is on file.

Voted, that the Committee for the Fourth of July Celebration be given permission to hold athletic games, band concerts and fireworks at Wood Island Park, July 4th. and to rope off so much of said grounds as may be necessary for said events.

The Secretary was directed to issue permits for the sale of refreshments at Wood Island Park, July 4th., to the following persons: Daniel Generson, Frank Cassely, James J. Nelson, James F. [illegible] James Leamed, Thomas J. Days.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, July 6, 1896

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt, and Stratton. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records

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of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Mayor requesting a conference with the Board previous to the making of any appropriation of money out of the one million dollar loan was received and placed on file.

The following notice having been submitted to the Corporation Counsel and approved by him was adopted.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, public necessity and convenience require that a building line be established on each side of Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Beacon street, parallel to the exterior lines of said avenue and distant twenty feet therefrom, substantially as shown on a plan of said avenue in the office of this Board, it is therefore

Voted, that due notice be given that this Board intends to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1893, and Chapter 313 of the Acts of 1896, and that Monday the 20th day of July, at 2 o'clock P.M., and the office of this Board, 507 Exchange Building, 53 State street, are assigned as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A request of the Police Board for information as to the use of park land in the vicinity of School street, Franklin Park, for teaching bicycle riding, enclosing a letter from W. H. Wellington calling attention to the danger resulting from said practise, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that no person hold permits to use the park as a riding school for instruction and the Board thinks the practise of teaching at this point objectionable and that it should be discontinued.

A communication from the Superintendent of Police calling attention to the dangerous condition of certain places at Jamaica Pond and Franklin Park, also a communication from C. S. Sargent calling attention to the nuisance caused by the lack of a fence between park land and land of Martin Downey, with request that a fence be erected, also request of John T. Murphy, Water Commissioner, for permission to lay a water pipe in Audubon road were received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from the Cambridge Board of Park Commissioners protesting against the abandonment of certain takings by the Metropolitan Park Commission on the Boston side of the Charles river, with request for a hearing before consent is given to said abandonment, also request of Street Department for permission to remove certain gravel stored on a lot on O street, also request of the Board of Election Commissioners for permission to erect a booth on the grass plot on Commonwealth avenue corner Dartmouth street, and at the junction of Beacon street, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of the City Messenger for permission to give a series of band concerts during July and August, in various locations, was received and it was

Voted, that the City Messenger be authorized to give band concerts at Charlestown Heights, Marine Park, Charlesbank, and Franklin Park during July and August, the erection and location of the band stands to be approved by the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that Mr. Dooling be authorized to give instrumental concerts at the refectory, Franklin Park, for this season.

A proposal for engine and connections at Franklin Park refectory, from S. L. Holt & Co., was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

Propositions of the Boston Lightning Rod Co-

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to place lightning rods on the Franklin Park refectory and the Head House, Marine Park, were received and the Secretary was directed to notify said company that the Board considers it inexpedient to place lightning rods on said buildings.

Requests of L. E. Bow for leave to affix a sign under the shelter on the pier, and to place one percent beer on sale, also of Lesser Schubert for permission to operate a merry-go-round at Franklin Park, near Blue Hill avenue, were refused.

The Secretary was directed, with the concurrence of the Chairman to place insurance on the Franklin Park refectory and Pine Bank House through the offices of the Liverpool, London and Globe and the Aetna Companies and Henry R. Dalton.

A letter from Councilman James A. Doherty, calling attention to an order, introduced by him in the Common Council, requesting the Board to have a sand pit constructed at the North End Park for the benefit of school children during vacation, was received and the Engineer in Charge was instructed to locate a sand court as requested.

Henry M. Whitney, Park Commissioner of Brookline, and A. H. French, engineer, came before the Board with reference to the relocation and rebuilding of the Longwood bridge. Mr. French submitted a plan for relocation on the lines recommended by Messrs Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot except that the angle in the south side of the bridge is shifted to the west side of the railroad location. The Commissioners intimated that they would favor the adoption of this plan and that they would confer with the Law Department regarding the relocation of the avenue in accordance therewith. The Commissioners also informed Mr. Whitney that they had adopted the revised plans of the bridge with the understanding that Boston would be called upon to pay only for the proportion of the structure within its limits

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston July 13, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A.M. to consider the report of the Castle Island disaster. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the accident to the float used as a landing at Castle Island June 29th last, was received and considered.

After discussion the meeting was adjourned to July 14th at 12 M.

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Boston July 14, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 12 M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present His Honor the Mayor. The following report of the finding of the Board with regard to the accident at Castle Island June 29th was issued for publication in the daily press.

"The evidence heard by the Board of Park Commissioners in regard to the recent sad drowning accident at Castle Island, convinces them that the landing stage and gangway leading to it were not constructed as they should have been, but that they would have been used with safety on the day of the accident had the children and others who were about to go aboard the steamer at the time of the accident, been compelled to go down the gangway and board

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the steamer in an orderly manner; the testimony showing that as large a weight had been carried safely earlier in the season; that the disorderly rush of the children on the gangway and landing stage caused the overturn of the stage and the breaking of one rail of the gangway; that this disorderly rush of the children was owing to the absence of any adults who had any charge or management of the children, and to the absence of a proper detail of police to regulate the embarking of the crowd, and that the only work done in the premises by the Park Department, namely, the driving of the piles for mooring the landing stage, was properly done, that no complaint in regard to them was made to the Park Commissioners, and that the accident was in no way due to the manner in which the piles were driven.

"By a contract made with William E. Sheldon, March 4th, 1895, and published in the last annual report of the Park Commissioners, the construction of the gangway and landing stage including the number and location of the piles, and the entire control and management of the gangway and landing stage and of the steamers plying between the Marine Park and Castle Island, belong to Mr. Sheldon, and the children were carried on the day of the accident by a contract between him and the South Boston Historical Association, which was to furnish the requisite detail of police, who are under the charge of the Police Commissioners.

The Park Commissioners regret exceedingly the transfer by the Legislature, of the control of the Park Police from the Park to the Police Department, as the proper supervision of the parks and the prompt report and correction of evils are seriously impaired by this recent legislative change and no system can adequately take the place of the personal and direct reports by the police to the Park Department.

"The Park Commissioners only pass upon this sad accident in relation to any blame which might be supposed to attach to the Park Department," leaving it to the proper tribunal, the Court of Inquest, to apportion the blame among those to whom it properly belongs."

Voted, that L. E. Bow be authorized to give instrumental concerts at the [illegible] Park during the season.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston July 20. 1896

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and Charles Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A hearing was given at 2 P. M. in accordance with the notice of the intention of the Board to establish a building line on Commonwealth avenue from Arlington to Beacon street. No one appeared to favor or object thereto and the hearing was closed.

A report from the Landscape Architects regarding the boating service was received and placed on file.

A report of the Engineer in Charge with reference to the floats and gangways in use at the boating stations was received and placed on file, and the Chairman stated that he had conferred with Mr. Sheldon regarding the matters reported by Mr. Howe, and as Mr. Sheldon had provided new floats for the ferry service which were satisfactory to the Engineer in Charge, he had authorized Mr. Sheldon to run the boats. It was thereupon

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Voted, that the Chairman's action be approved.

A communication from Alderman Mahoney calling attention to alleged discrimination in car fares between men who work at Jamaica pond was received. Mr. Howe stated that fares are only allowed men when sent for a day or so to some other place than where they are regularly employed, and the Secretary was directed to reply to that effect to Alderman Mahoney.

Mr. Howe reported on sundry matters called to the attention of this Board by the Police Board, relating to the safety of the public in Jamaica and Franklin parks, stating that he had remedied the things complained of with the exception of the fence suggested near the boat landing at Jamaica Pond. This matter he said should be referred to the Landscape Architects and it was so referred.

Mr. Howe also reported that the water pipes should be laid in Audubon road for the whole distance from Beacon street to the railroad, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Water Commissioner accordingly.

An invitation from the Metropolitan Park Commission for a trip up the Charles river on Wednesday, July 22^{d}, was accepted.

A proposition of the Boston Electric Light Company to lay an underground conduit to supply electric light at Wood Island Park also proposals of the New England Metal Screen Company and Charles S. Baker and Company to furnish screens for the Head House, Marine Park, were received and laid over

Voted, that the Board of Election Commissioners be permitted to place a booth for registration and election purposes on such part of Charlestown Heights near Quincy street, as the Engineer in Charge may direct, and maintain the same from the time registration begins in the several precincts until after the municipal election.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver relating to bids for enclosure of portion of piazza and for a tent or canvass shelter for the roof garden at the refectory, Franklin Park, were received. Mr. Dooling also came before the Board regarding these and other matters relating to the refectory. The proposition to cover the roof garden with a canvas shelter was indefinitely postponed and the other bids were taken under advisement.

A communication from the Secretary of the Providence Park Commission relating to the use of baby carriages in the park in that city, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Corporation Counsel Andrew J. Bailey relating to proposed lines for the Longwood Avenue bridge was received and the Secretary was directed to request Mr. Bailey to come before the Board at its next meeting.

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Boston, July 27, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the condition of the gangway to the float at Charlestown was received and Mr. Sheldon was notified to discontinue the use of the present gangway until a new one can be substituted.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the construction of the Stony Brook Culvert at Ruggles street and the control of the flood gates located at the Fens, was received. Mr. Howe

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stated that the gates referred to acted automatically and that they were inspected twice a day so that no trouble could arise from that source. The matter was thereupon referred to the Engineer-in-Charge to confer with the Superintendent of the Sewer Division of the Street Department and inform him of the situation.

A copy of a New York law relating to the control of street fences, trees and advertising signs adjoining public parks was received and placed on file.

A request of J. E. Hendrie and Brother for permission to place tables and chairs in the Overlook Building in order to conform to the law regarding victuallers' licenses was received. Mr. Bailey stated that he did not believe the statute regarding victuallers' license applied to such a case and that the authority of the Board to carry on the business was all that was necessary.

An invitation of E. E. Bow to a dinner at the Head House, Marine Park was received and accepted.

A request of the American Amusement Company for a permit to place a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground was received and permission therefor refused.

Sundry communications relating to marsh lands in Neponset proposed to be taken for a playground were received and placed on file.

Mr. Howe reported that new foundations had been built under the two columns at the shore end of Marine Park iron pier and the columns made perpendicular by Mr. William L. Miller. Mr. Howe recommended that one other column be repaired in the same manner and the wooden approach also repaired. Mr. Miller offers to do this for nine hundred dollars and it was

Voted, to authorize the engineer to have the work done at that price.

Mr. Gilbert, president of the Boston Electric Light Company, came before the Board with reference to his proposition to lay an underground conduit to supply electric lights at Wood Island Park. After some discussion it was

Voted, to accept the proposition subject to the approval of the electric light posts by the Commissioner of Wires and with the understanding that a guarantee of the conduit for five years would be given by the company.

Proposals of the New England Metal Screen Company, Charles S. Baker and Company, and the E. T. Burrowes Company to furnish screens for the Head House, Marine Park, were received and referred to the Chairman

Corporation Counsel Bailey and A. H. French came before the Board with reference to the plans for the Longwood avenue bridge. Mr. French submitted an alternative plan for the proposed bridge, conforming more to the present lines of the avenue as laid out by the Board of Survey than the plan proposed by the Landscape Architects. Mr. Bailey stated, in explanation of his letter, received by the Board at the last meeting, that land could be taken by the Park Commissioners for the purpose of connecting the street with the parkway in a different manner from that laid out by the Board of Survey, although unless agreement could be made with the owner of the land taken, it might cause the city to pay heavy damages by cutting off access to the land from the street. The only other way of changing the direction of the avenue was by an act of the Legislature

A report from the Landscape Architects on the report of Captain Brown suggesting a fence along the beach near the landing at Jamaica Pond was received and placed on file.

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Boston, July 30, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. to consider the Mayor's letter of July 29th. regarding the Castle Island accident and the proposed appointment of a Superintendent of Parks.

Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson and Howe.

After discussion an appointment for a conference with the Mayor was fixed for Monday at 2 P.M.

A request of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to place a car on the Charlestown Playground pending the location and building of the permanent transfer station, was received and permission for the temporary use of a car was granted, the question of a permanent location being postponed for further consideration.

A report from the Local Inspectors of Steam Vessels stating that they consider the Ella and Pearl safe with a limit of one hundred and fifty passengers each, between Marine Park and Castle Island, was received and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Sheldon that hereafter the number of passengers carried on said boats be limited to that number.

A request of George S. Hale that the Board would authorize the distribution of cards calling attention to the fact that baby carriages are for hire at Franklin Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to say that the Board has no objection to the distribution of the cards as proposed.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston August 3, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. [illegible] and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved

A conference was held with the Mayor regarding the subject of his letter of July 29th.

A license from the Harbor and Land Commissioners to dredge material from Old Harbor, according to an accompanying plan, was received and the Chairman was authorized to apply to the War Department for approval of said dredging.

A communication from John P. Leahy, asking for the improvement of Dorchesterway between Dorchester avenue and Pond street, was received and the Engineer in Charge was directed to begin the work as soon as the men can be spared from the work now in hand at Franklin Park.

A request of the Dorchester Gas-Light Company for a permit to lay a main in Dorchesterway near Boston street, was received and the Secretary was directed to request the Company to lay mains in each sidewalk for that part of the parkway which is to be surfaced this season.

An application of James D. Hathaway for the position of Superintendent of the Park Department was received and laid on the table.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the care of catch basins on Commonwealth avenue was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to confer with the Superintendent of Streets regarding the liability of this department in the matter.

A City Council order requesting that the bath houses at Wood Island Park be opened and put in condition for use was received and placed on file.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver, regarding the bids of A. J. Emery

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and others for sashes to enclose the soda fountain at the refectory, Franklin Park, was received and laid over pending the inquiry of the Architects into the practicability of changing the location of the fountain in accordance with a suggestion of the Landscape Architects.

A request of the Board of Police for an official copy of the report and finding of the case of the drowning accident at Castle Island on June 29th was received, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the statement issued to the daily press on July 14th.

A request of the Fairbanks Electric Bell Buoy Company for temporary use of a portion of the Hospital building on Castle Island as an operating station for the electric bell buoys to be located in Boston Harbor under permit from the Light House Board was received, and it was

Voted, to grant the request subject to revocation at any time, and subject to the direction of the Engineer in Charge as to the particular location to be occupied in the building, and the manner of connecting the same with the submarine cable and the electric current to be employed in operating the bell buoys.

A request of [illegible] A. Dyar that a portion of the parkway roads be reserved for the bicycle parade on August 29th was received and laid over.

A communication from the Street Commissioners transmitting a plan of a survey of land on the north-easterly side of Seaver street was received and placed on file.

An offer of F. L. Willard to sell marsh land in Neponset for three cents per foot, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from the Police Department relating to the placing of a police officer at Wood Island Park also a communication from Herbert Putnam relating to urns purchased by the Trustees of the Public Library were received and placed on file.

M. F. McCarthy, W. A. S. Cummins, A. E. Justin, E. J. Powers, C. E. O'Donnell and Matthew Sullivan, a committee of the Columbian Yacht Club, came before the Board and asked that a site on the Strandway be assigned to their club. They stated that they represented ninety per cent. of the former members of the Commonwealth Yacht Club, that they had leased the building occupied by that club, and bought all the club property including the plans for a club house proposed to be erected on the site previously assigned to the Commonwealth Yacht Club on the Strandway. They expressly stated that they did not ask that the site originally granted to the Commonwealth Yacht Club be taken away from it, leaving the question as to what should be done in regard to that club in the hands of the Park Commissioners.

The architect of the West End Street Railway Company submitted several plans which had been prepared with a view of locating a transfer station and waiting room at the junction of Main and Alford streets, Charlestown Playground. After discussion the matter was taken under advisement and subsequently referred to the Landscape Architects.

William E. Sheldon came before the Board and explained the progress he was making in carrying out the changes in floats and gangways recommended by the Engineer in Charge. The Board notified Mr. Sheldon that something must be done to obtain better discipline at the various boat landings, particularly at Marine Park. Mr. Sheldon promised to take measures at once to properly control the business.

Whereas the Board having given notice, recorded on page 10 volume 9 of the records of this Board,

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of its intention to establish a building line on each side of Commonwealth avenue parallel with and twenty feet therefrom, as shown on a plan of said avenue filed in the office of this Board, by publishing said notice on the ninth and thirteenth days of July 1896, in the Boston Daily Advertiser and Boston Transcript, two daily newspapers published in the City of Boston, and having given a public hearing on the matter at the time and place specified in said notice, it is therefore

Voted, that a building line be and is, under the provisions of Chapter 462 of the Acts of the year 1893, and Chapter 313 of the Acts of the year 1896, hereby established on each side of Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Beacon street, parallel to the exterior lines of said avenue, and distant twenty feet therefrom, as shown on a plan of said avenue in two sections, dated July 27, 1896, signed by H. C. Bates, Civil Engineer, and filed in the office of this Board; and this Board does hereby prescribe that existing steps, windows, porticos and other usual projections appurtenant to the front wall of existing buildings, so far as they lie between such building line and said Commonwealth avenue, may remain as they are at the date of this order, intending hereby to sanction all existing projections over said line including any necessary foundations and walls supporting said projections: and do hereby further prescribe as to future projections appurtenant to existing or future buildings, that no projection of any kind (other than door steps and balustrades connected therewith, and cornices at the roof of the building) will be allowed to extend more than five feet into the space between said line and Commonwealth avenue, and that no projection in the nature of a bay window, circular front, or octagon front with the foundation wall sustaining the same (such foundation wall being a projection of the front wall), will be allowed, unless any horizontal section of such projection would fall within the external lines of a trapezoid whose base upon the rear line of the aforesaid space does not exceed seven-tenths of the whole front of the building, nor exceed eighteen feet in any case, and the side-lines make an angle of forty-five degrees with the base.

(Signed) Edward C. Hodges
" Laban Pratt
" Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.
Approved
(Signed) Josiah Quincy
Mayor.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, August 6, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 12 M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton.

Voted, that the Chairman sign a special draft on the City Auditor in favor of John J. Flynn for the sum of fourteen thousand dollars on account of the final estimate under his contract for building the refectory at Franklin Park notwithstanding the clause in the contract which enables the city to retain the same for thirty days after the

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completion of the building.

Voted, that William E. Sheldon be permitted to give band concerts at Castle Island on Wednesday and Saturday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons for this season, on condition of his providing a detail of police for the ferry landings at Marine Park and Castle Island.

Geo. F. Clark,
Sec'y.

Boston August 10, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from E. T. Burrowes Company relating to changes in screens for the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from A. Davis Weld asking for early consideration of his proposition for a settlement of his damages for the taking of lands for the West Roxbury Parkway, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from Matthew Sullivan, chief of Architects' Division Public Buildings Department, calling attention to inadequate fixtures and improper working of certain apparatus in use at the Head House, Marine Park and stating that the matters would shortly receive attention, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans requesting that a suitable staff be placed near the Farragut statue in Marine Park for displaying the Union Jack, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An application from William B. Murphy for the position of Superintendent of Parks was received and placed on file.

A request of John Tynes for a permit to place a dog team on Franklin Park, was received and permission refused.

Voted, that all employees of the department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday August 20th., without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, for the purpose of holding a picnic.

The bids of A. J. Emery and others for sashes to enclose soda fountain at refectory, Franklin Park, which were laid over pending inquiry of architects as to changes of location in accordance with suggestions of the Landscape Architects were taken from the table and placed on file.

Mr. Perlie A. Dyar came before the Board in explanation of his request that a portion of the parkway roads be reserved for the bicycle parade on August 29th. After some discussion the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

A communication from Eliot L. Caldwell calling attention to the conspicuousness of the white flagpole at Jamaica Park and suggesting that it be treated like the one at Franklin Park was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

Messrs John H. Means, E. H. Goodwin, Thomas F. Bell and C. J. Desmond, a committee in behalf of the Citizens' Association of South Boston, came before the Board and submitted a request that bath-houses at the Head House be made free to those who supply themselves with bathing suits. The Commissioners replied that the number of

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bath houses was limited and that probably there were not more than enough to fill the demand under the present small charge for their use. The plans, however, call for five hundred additional houses and when these are added it may be feasible to make some of them free where bathing suits are not furnished by the management.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, August 17th, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. [illegible] and Pratt, Mr. Stratton being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On the recommendation of the City Engineer it was

Voted, to authorize the substitution of rubble masonry for concrete on wing-walls of the Strandway under the contract with Jones and Meehan.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the condition and management of the Head House, Marine Park, was received and placed on file, Mr. Howe having called the proprietor's attention to the matter.

A communication from John Comerford relating to bathing facilities and proper management of the same at the Head House, Marine Park, also communication from Dr. F. Roby calling attention to liability of accidents by drowning to persons bathing in the vicinity of an old channel at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Applications of Stephen F. Clarke and Charles H. Penny for position of Superintendent of Parks were received and placed on file.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company referring to the matter of locating a telephone station at the Band-House, Marine Park was received and referred to the Secretary for report.

A communication from Walter E. Lombard, Chief of First Division Herald Bicycle Parade, requesting that the Newport Artillery be permitted to encamp on Franklin Field on the night of August 29th was received and it was

Voted, that the Newport Artillery of Newport R. I. be permitted to encamp on Franklin Field on the night of August 29, 1896. in a location to be assigned by the Engineer in Charge and on condition that the management of the Herald Bicycle Parade be responsible for the actions of the men.

Voted, that the Management of the Boston Herald Bicycle Parade be authorized to form a parade August 29th. 1896. on the roadways of Commonwealth avenue between Arlington street and Massachusetts avenue and to parade on said avenue, and on Westland entrance, Agassiz road, Audubon road, Boylston road and Charlesgate West, in accordance with the route as published; provided that the said route be well policed to prevent disorder or injury to the property of this department and that the Boston Herald Company be responsible for all damages to such property occasioned by said parade.

Voted, that William E. Sheldon be permitted to hold a band concert near the boat landing at Jamaica Pond on the afternoon and evening of August 22nd. on conditions that a sufficient

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detail of police is provided to preserve order and to keep people not intending to hire boats away from the floats.

Executive circular number eight, requesting the granting of leave of absence without loss of pay, to park employees who are members of the Veteran Firemen's Association, for the purpose of attending the Veteran Firemen's Tournament, August nineteenth, was received and the Engineer-in-Charge was directed to comply with the request, if any men apply for leave of absence.

Voted, that the City Messenger be permitted to hold a band concert near the boat landing at Jamaica Pond, August 17th, on condition that a sufficient detail of police is provided to preserve order and to keep people not intending to hire boats away from the floats.

The agreement of the Boston Electric Light Company to extend the guarantee given by the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company to the work at Wood Island Park, also approval of Superintendent of Wires to the lamp posts proposed to be erected, were received and placed on file.

On request of Mr. Sturgis, an inmate at the Old Couple's Home, the Engineer in Charge was directed to place seats under the maple trees along Walnut avenue in Franklin Park opposite the Home.

Mr. Howe submitted plans for a wall on the line of St. Martin street Charlestown Heights, and it was

Voted, to authorize the engineer to advertise for bids.

Voted, that Joseph A. Landrie and Brother be permitted to occupy the Overlook shelter at Franklin Park for the sale of refreshments, for this season, provided they pay bills for maintenance to the amount of four hundred dollars as heretofore.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 24, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J.C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr. Olmsted reported verbally against the location of a flagpole proposed by Councilman Kiley to be erected at Charlesbank near the foot of Allen street. Mr. Olmsted also presented a study for a public waiting room and transfer station for the West End Street Railway Company on Charlestown Playground, and the Secretary was directed to forward it to the Railway Company as representing what, in the opinion of the Board, was required at this place

A plan for relocating the Longwood avenue bridge was submitted by the Landscape Architects and it was

Voted, that the revised plan for Longwood avenue bridge, recommended by the Landscape Architects and dated August 20, 1896, be approved and referred to the Street Commissioners for a relocation of the lines of the avenue in accordance with said plan.

Mr. Olmsted also submitted a request for authority to purchase additional trees for the parkway, which was laid over and the Secretary was directed to ask the Asst. Landscape Gardener what stock of trees he has on hand and what was the cause of the loss of the cucumber trees.

A communication from the Landscape Architects re-

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lating to the criticism of E. L. Caldwell regarding the color of the flagstaff in front of the refectory at Pine Bank, and recommending that it be painted some dark color was received and placed on file.

On request of Luther M. Merrill that the bond given by the Lawyers' Surety Company in connection with the permit issued to him for building operations on Commonwealth avenue be cancelled and returned to him, the Engineer having reported the surface in good condition, it was

Voted, to return the bond as requested

A communication from the Police Department relating to the stationing of an officer at Wood Island Park during the early part of the evening was received and placed on file.

A communication from C. H. Greenleaf & Co. relating to the request of S. Peterson & Co. for a permit to erect an observation stand on Commonwealth avenue opposite the Hotel Vendome, during the bicycle parade on August 29th, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon regarding the request of Capt. L. F. Murch of the schooner yacht Nellie G. for permission to place a mooring in Pleasure Bay, Marine Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to refer the matter back to Mr. Sheldon as being provided for under his license for the boat service.

A communication from George S. Hale requesting that notice of the letting of baby carriages at Franklin Park be put up at the carriage stand was received. Mr. Olmsted submitted a sketch for a sign and the matter was referred again to the Landscape Architects with reference to combining it with the notice regarding the park carriage service.

A communication from the Superintendent

of Streets requesting information regarding the building of Columbia Road from Boston street to the railroad relative to the construction of sewers was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Alderman Charles came before the Board with regard to the request of John J. Connors for permission to enter a house drain into park drainage pipe in Keyes street. The Commissioners stated that the pipe was not designed to take additional sewage from private houses and the request was therefore refused.

Voted, that the following rules be, and hereby are, made and adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for the use and government of the public parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards.

Amended June 27, July 25 '98

1. No person shall cut, break, deface, defile, or ill-use any building, fence, tree, bush, plant, turf or other thing belonging to the City, or have possession of any part thereof.

2. No person shall throw a stone or other missile; or have possession of any firecracker, torpedo or fireworks; or make a fire, or sell, expose for sale or give away any goods, wares or circulars; or post or display any sign, placard or advertising device.

3. No person shall accost or follow or otherwise annoy another person; or utter any profane, threatening or abusive language or loud outcry; or whistle; or solicit any subscription or contribution; or play any game of chance, or have possession of any instrument of gambling; or do any obscene or indecent act.

Voted, that the following rules be adopted for the use and government of The Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arborway, Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, West Roxbury Parkway, Franklin Park, Dorchester Park, Dorchesterway, Strandway, Marine Park, August 24, [illegible]

Wood Island Park, Copp's Hill Terraces, North End Beach, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground and Charlesbank:

No person shall preach, or pray aloud; or make any oration or harangue, or any political or other canvass; or sing or talk in a loud tone; or play a musical instrument; or display a flag or banner; or discharge or have possession of any firearm; or move in a military or civic parade, drill or procession.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue:

No person shall preach; or pray aloud; or make any oration or harangue, or any political or other canvass; or sing or talk in a loud tone; or, except under a special written permit of the Board of Park Commissioners, play a musical instrument, or display a flag or banner, or discharge or have possession of any firearm, or move in a military or civic parade, drill or procession.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Franklin Field:

No person shall, except under a special written permit of the Board of Park Commissioners, preach; or pray aloud; or make any oration or harangue, or any political or other canvass; or sing or talk in a loud tone; or play a musical instrument; or display a flag or banner; or discharge or have possession of any firearm; or move in a military or civic parade, drill or procession.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of The Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arborway, West Roxbury Parkway and Franklin Park:

No person shall go within the shrubberies, or upon the turf bordering the same, or upon the turf between the drives and walks; or ride on the rides or drives, except to cross them; or sit or stand on a balustrade, wall or fence; or stand or lie down on a bench or seat; or go to sleep.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, Dorchesterway, Strandway, Marine Park and Wood Island Park:

No person shall go within the shrubberies, or upon the turf bordering the same, or upon the turf between the drives and walks; or walk on the drives, except to cross them; or sit or stand on a balustrade, wall or fence; or stand or lie down on a bench or seat; or go to sleep.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Dorchester Park, Copp's Hill Terrace, North End Beach, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground, and Charlesbank:

No person shall go within the shrubberies, or upon the turf bordering the same, or upon the turf bordering the walks; or sit or stand on a balustrade, wall or fence; or stand or lie down on a bench or seat; or go to sleep.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of The Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, West Roxbury Parkway, Franklin Park, Strandway, Marine Park, Wood Island Park, North End Beach, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground and Charlesbank:

No person shall, except in a place provided therefor, bathe, skate or fish, or [illegible]

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in the water a boat or raft, or play ball or any other game or sport, or have possession of or drink any intoxicating liquor, or eat any food, or drop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or other refuse.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue:

No person shall play ball or any other game or sport; or go upon the turf; or have possession of or drink any intoxicating liquor; or eat any food; or drop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or other refuse; or sit or stand on a balustrade, wall or fence; or stand or lie down on a bench or seat; or go to sleep.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of The Arborway, Franklin Field, Dorchester Park and Copp's Hill Terraces:

No person shall, except in a place provided therefor, play ball or any other game or sport, or have possession of or drink any intoxicating liquor, or eat any food, or drop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or other refuse.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Dorchesterway:

No person shall play ball or any other game or sport; or have possession of or drink any intoxicating liquor; or eat any food; or drop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or other refuse.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Fens:

No person in charge of a dog shall allow it to go upon any part of the grounds, except the boundary drives and walks, unless held by a leash not longer than seven feet.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Riverway:

No person in charge of a dog shall allow it to go upon any part of the Riverway, except the boundary drives and walks, unless held by a leash not longer than seven feet.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Leverett Park and Jamaica Park:

No person in charge of a dog shall allow it to go upon any part of the park, except the boundary drives and walks, unless held by a leash not longer than seven feet.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of West Roxbury Parkway:

No person in charge of a dog shall allow it to go upon any part of the parkway, except the boundary drives and walks, unless held by a leash not longer than seven feet.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Wood Island Park:

No person in charge of a dog shall allow it to go upon any part of the park, except Neptune Road, unless held by a leash not longer than seven feet.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Arborway:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the Arborway, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Dorchesterway:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the parkway, unless such animal be

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used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Strandway:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the Strandway, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Fens:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the grounds, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Riverway:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the Riverway, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Leverett Park, Jamaica Park and Wood Island Park:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the park, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of West Roxbury Parkway:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the parkway, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Dorchester Park:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog held by a leash not longer than seven feet, shall allow it to go upon the park.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog, shall allow it to go upon the avenue, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, Franklin Park and Marine Park:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog held by a leash not longer than seven feet, shall allow it to go upon the park, unless such animal be used for pleasure travel on a way or place provided therefor.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Franklin Field, Copp's Hill Terraces, North End Beach, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground and Charlesbank:

No person in charge of any animal, other than a dog held by a leash not longer than seven feet, shall allow it to go upon the grounds.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of The Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arborway, West Roxbury Parkway and Franklin Park:

No person shall ride an animal, except upon the rides and drives; or ride or drive a cycle or other vehicle, except upon the drives; or ride or drive an animal, cycle or vehicle upon other than the right

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hand side of the road, except to cross, or to turn out for an obstruction, or an animal, cycle or vehicle going in the same direction.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue, Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, Dorchesterway, Strandway, Marine Park and Wood Island Park:

No person shall ride or drive an animal, cycle or vehicle, except upon the drives; or ride or drive an animal, cycle or vehicle upon other than the right hand side of the road, except to cross, or to turn out for an obstruction, or an animal, cycle or vehicle going in the same direction.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue, Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arborway, Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, West Roxbury Parkway, Franklin Park, Dorchesterway, Strandway, Marine Park and Wood Island Park:

No person shall ride or drive an animal, cycle or vehicle past a cycle or vehicle going in the same direction, except to the left; or take a road running to the left, unless the right of way is given to all other animals, cycles and vehicles passing in either direction; or ride a cycle past an animal, cycle or vehicle going in the same direction without sounding a bell.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arborway, West Roxbury Parkway and Franklin Park:

No person shall ride or drive an animal not well broken and under proper control of the rider or driver; or ride an animal faster than ten miles an hour; or drive an animal attached

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to a vehicle, faster than eight miles an hour; or ride or drive a cycle or other vehicle faster than eight miles an hour, or coast therewith down any hill.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue, Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, Dorchesterway, Strandway, Marine Park and Wood Island Park:

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No person shall ride or drive an animal not well broken and under proper control of the rider or driver; or ride an animal, or drive an animal attached to a vehicle, faster than eight miles an hour; or ride or drive a cycle or other vehicle faster than eight miles an hour, or coast therewith down any hill.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of The Fens:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except upon a traffic road or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the Fens.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Riverway:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except upon a traffic road or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the Riverway.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any

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vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except upon a traffic road or to deliver merchandise or other articles in the park.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Arborway:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the Arborway.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of West Roxbury Parkway, and Dorchesterway:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the parkway.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the avenue.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Wood Island Park:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except upon Neptune Road when necessary to gain access to the front entrance of a house facing thereon, or to deliver merchandise or other articles in the park.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Marine Park:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession; or drive a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except to deliver merchandise or other articles in the park.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Leverett Park and Jamaica Park:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the park or to deliver merchandise or other articles in the park.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Franklin Park:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, except upon the traffic road from Forest Hills street to Morton street; or drive a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except upon a traffic road or to deliver merchandise or other articles in the park.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the Strandway:

No person shall drive a hearse, or any vehicle in a funeral procession, or a wagon or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to the front entrance of a house facing on the Strandway.

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Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of Franklin Field:

No person shall sit or stand on a balustrade, wall or fence; or stand or lie down on a bench or seat; or go to sleep.

Said rules to be classified and numerically arranged, under the titles of the grounds to which they severally relate, in schedules to be posted in the different parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards, with the addition of the following notice:

Any person violating either of the above rules is liable to a fine of twenty dollars for each offence.

and the statement that the said grounds being public property, it is the duty of every person to see that the rules are observed, and to call the attention of the police to any violation thereof.

Voted, that the following rule be adopted for the use and government of the public parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards.

No person shall refuse or neglect to obey any reasonable direction of a police officer.

Mr. Bow held a conference with the Board regarding the bathing facilities and other matters at the Head House. Mr. Bow stated that he would improve the administration of affairs in several departments another season. He also called the attention of the Board to the insufficient number of bath houses and hoped that additional facilities would be provided before another year.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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Boston August 31, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodge, Pettee and Stratton. Also present Messrs. C. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised plan of the Forest Hills Entrance, dated August 31, 1896, which was referred to the Engineer in Charge to complete the work in accordance therewith.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission requesting an answer in additional takings also in abandonment deeds, Stony Brook Reservation, was received and the Secretary was directed to advertise notice of a hearing thereon, on Tuesday, September 8th at 2 P.M.

A communication from the Acting Secretary of War with accompanying permit to dredge material from Old Harbor, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relating to placing a telephone station at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Lewis J. Bird requesting permission for W. K. Pryor & Co. to lay up the steam launch in the Strandway, for the winter, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from W. C. Addicks, engineer of the Brookline Gas Light Company objecting to laying pipes in [illegible] under the conditions of the permit was received and placed on file.

A communication from Cartwright, Richardson and Driver proposing a plan for ventilating basement of refectory, Franklin Park, also a proposal of the New England Machine Company

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for shafting at refectory, Franklin Park, also a proposal of the New England Machine Company for shafting at refectory, Franklin Park, were received and laid over pending an interview with Mr. Hartwell at the next meeting.

A communication from the Asst. Landscape Gardener relating to Nursery stock of trees for the parkways was received and placed on file, and it was

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be authorized to procure trees for planting the parkways to the amount of six hundred dollars.

A request of Trumbull and Ryan for an extension of time in which to complete contract at the North End Park to October 1st, 1896 was received.

A communication from Miss McMartin regarding proposed exhibition of work at the Women's Division, Charlestown gymnasium on September 5th, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify her that those of the Commissioners who are in town will endeavor to be present.

On request of Martin F. Connorton it was

Voted that permission be given the Elks Social Club of Charlestown to play a scrub game of base ball on Charlestown Playground, Labor Day.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon regarding the storing of boats for the winter at the several boat landings was received and Mr. Sheldon was invited to come before the Board at the next meeting.

Voted, that the time for completion of contract with Trumbull and Ryan, for walls and grading at public pleasure grounds between Copp's Hill and the harbor, be extended to October 1st 1896.

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be authorized to confer with R. C. Sturgis regarding plans for bathing houses at the North End Beach.

Mr. Howe submitted plans and specifications for walls between Charter and Commercial streets, Copps Hill Terraces and he was authorized to advertise for bids for said work, to be received September 11th.

Voted, that the plan for sewers in Audubon road, submitted by the Sewer Division of the Street Department and numbered 2 D-503, be approved as amended by the Engineer-in-Charge of this Department, and that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to contract for same in accordance therewith, provided the said sewers and all necessary service connections are put in at once.

An interview was held with Hans J. Koehler on his application for the position of Landscape Gardener in the Department of Parks. Subsequently the application was placed on file.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Eugene Tompkins, bondsman on the contract of Max Bachmann for sgraffito work at the Headhouse, Marine Park, that the Board will find it necessary to bring suit against him by September 15th, unless it can be assured of his intention to make good the work for which he became Mr. Bachmann's surety.

Adjourned to September 8th at 2 P.M.

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Boston, September 2, 1896

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 12. M.
Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton.

Mr. Howe having declined to consider accepting the appointment of Superintendent of Parks which the Board offered him, preferring to retain his

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present position, the Board

Voted, that Charles E. Putnam be appointed Acting Superintendent of Parks, to take effect September 1, 1896, at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per month.

Voted, that the superintendent shall be the executive officer of the Board and have the general management and supervision of the parks.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec.

Boston, September 8, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodge, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe, J. C. Olmsted and C. E. Putnam.

The records of the last meeting and special meeting of September 2, were read and approved.

The following bids for building wall at Charlestown Heights were received and taken under advisement.

McHale and Heisler,	Boston,	$4,690.00
John Sutherland,	" ,	5,579.00
Trumbull and Ryan,	" ,	5,970.00
M. S. and G. N. Miller	" ,	7,926.00
Thomas F. Broderick	" ,	8,963.00

Subsequently the bid of McHale and Heisler was accepted and the amount of bonds required was fixed at Sixteen hundred dollars.

A hearing was given in accordance with the advertisement regarding a request of the Metropolitan Park Commissioners for the concurrence of this Board in certain takings and abandonments of land in the Stony Brook Reservation. No one appeared to object and the Board concurred in the several takings and abandonments as follows:

(Document 70) Know all men by these presents, that whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commission, duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local board, being the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, in said Commonwealth, and for the purposes defined in said act, and in chapter 450 of the Acts of (the) year 1895, certain real estate referred to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated this day, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said Boston and is shown upon a plan marked "Metropolitan Park Commission, Plan of Abandonments and Additional Takings in Stony Brook Reservation, Boston, [illegible] xxx May 9, 1896. Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot, Landscape Architects, xxx Wm. T. Pierce, Engineer xxx Land Surveying, Boston. Section comprises two sheets." being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 70, Sheets 1 & 2 to be recorded herewith:

Now, therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City of Boston, all duly chosen, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Witness our hands this fourteenth day of August, A.D. 1896.

(Signed) Edward C. Hodges
Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

(Number 72.) Know all men by these presents, that whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commission, duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper

September 8, 1896. local board, being the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, in said Commonwealth, and for the purposes defined in said act, and in chapter 450 of the Acts of (the) year 1895, certain real estate referred to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated this day, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said Boston and is shown upon a plan marked, "Metropolitan Park Commission, Plan of Abandonment and Additional Takings in Stony Brook Reservation, Boston, Mass. xxx May 9, 1896, Olmsted Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape Architects, xxx Wm. T. Pierce, Engineer" being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 7a, Sheets 1, 2 & 3 to be recorded herewith:

Now, therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City of Boston, all duly chosen, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Witness our hands this Nineteenth day of August, A.D. 1896.

(Signed) Edward C. Hodges
(") Laban Pratt
(") Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

No. 74,	Abandonment to	The Trustees of Eliot School,	75	sq. ft.
" 75,	" "	George W. Bartlett,	300	" "
" 76,	" "	The Trustees of Eliot School,	17,100.	" "
" 77,	" "	" " " " " "	3,960.	" "
" 78,	" "	George W. Bartlett,	5,170.	" "
" 79,	" "	George S. Lee Trustee & others	18.	" "
" 86,	" "	Coolidge Bartlett,	57,	" "
" 87,	" "	George S. Lee Trustee & others	84,	" "
" 88,	" "	Henry S. Grew.	430,	" "

Concurrence in said abandonments were endorsed upon the papers submitted by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners for filing in the Registry of Deeds with plans, one of which plans are on file in the office of this Board.

A communication from John P. Dore Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners, regarding the proposed re-location of Longwood avenue bridge was received. The Secretary stated that the Corporation Counsel recommended that a new plan of the proposed bridge omitting the proposed change of the line of the avenue between Autumn street and the Parkway be submitted to the Street Commissioners for a relocation of the avenue across the bridge. The matter was thereupon referred to the Landscape Architects to prepare a plan in accordance with Mr. Bailey's suggestion.

A communication from the Fire Commissioner relating to location of fire alarm box at the Head House, Marine Park also a communication from the Boston Herald tendering its thanks for the courtesies extended by the Board in the Bicycle parade were received and placed on file.

A communication from [illegible], notifying the Board that the use of certain insulating fixtures for electric lights at the Franklin Park refectory will be an infringement of their patent was received and referred to Mr. Hartwell for investigation.

A request of H. C. Perry for permission to haul up a small boat on the Strandway, was received and permission refused.

A request of the inmates of the Home for Aged Couples for the removal of seats in Franklin Park opposite the Home also a communication from Daniel J. Marsh, president of the Springfield Park Department asking [illegible]

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their Board can purchase sheep of the Boston Park Department, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Architects Division of the Public Buildings Department submitting proposals of Gerry and Northup and Lynch and Woodward for remedying defects in the tanks at the Head House, was received and the proposals were accepted. Proposals were also received from Lynch and Woodward and W. E. Barrett for installing a pump for the grease extractor at the Head House and the proposal of Lynch and Woodward was accepted.

A conference was held with Mr. Hartwell regarding the proposed arrangements for ventilating the basement of the refectory at Franklin Park and Mr. Hartwell was requested to submit proposals for the work for the approval of the Board.

A conference was held with Mr. Sheldon regarding the boating service and the requirements for storing boats during the winter

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A conference was held with Mr. Dow regarding keeping the Head House open during the winter, which he claimed he would be able to do if he would be permitted to let the hall for dancing parties. The Board took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Addicks, engineer for the Dorchester Gas-Light Company, came before the Board with reference to his objection to the laying of gas mains under the sidewalk of Dorchesterway. After discussion Mr. Addicks stated that he would withdraw his objection.

Geo. F. Clarke Sec'y

Boston, September 14, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Shurtleff. Also present Messrs. Jackson, Howe, Putnam and J.C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for walls, draining and surfacing at the public park, North End, were received and read:

Perkins & White,	Boston	$ 23,000.00
S. L. MacCuller, John Shea and W. P. Chapman.	"	23,740.00
Metropolitan Construction Co.	"	25,500.00
H. P. Nawn	"	29,648.00
Trumbull & Ryan	"	35,498.00
L. D. Mullen & Co.	"	38,750.00

The bids were taken under advisement and subsequently it was

Voted, that the contract be awarded to Perkins and White and the amount of bonds required be fixed at Eight thousand dollars.

A communication from the Board of Election Commissioners asking the privilege of erecting a voting booth on the park lands on Charles street was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that a contract having been let for grading the grounds the Board is unable to grant the request.

A communication from the Public Building Department submitting a bid for connecting drip from kettle at Head House, Marine Park, with the sewer was received and the proposal was accepted. A report of defects in radiators under the promenade in the Head House was also received from the Public Buildings department and placed on file.

A communication from Eugene Tompkins enclosing a letter from Max Bachmann in rela-

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tion to the contract for sgraffito work at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to E. M. Wheelwright, architect of the building.

A communication from Hartwell Richardson and Driver relating to alleged infringement of the patent in the electric light fixtures to be installed in the Franklin Park Refectory, also a communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that he had given orders to build the sewers in Audubon road in accordance with the vote of the Board, August 31st, were received and placed on file.

The City Engineer was authorized to advertise the contract for grading the driveway from Bussey street to South street at the Arboretum.

Mr. Putnam reported that he had investigated the Fort Wayne Motor to run by the alternating light current recommended by Hartwell Richardson & Driver and the matter was referred to the architects to confer with Mr. Hollis French, electrician.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to procure a new horse and buggy and to exchange one of the horses used by the Engineer in part payment therefor.

Mr. Pow came before the Board with reference to his request to be permitted to let the large dining room at the Head House for dancing parties and give assemblies during the winter season. The Commissioners stated that they were averse to allowing the building to be used for these purposes. Mr. Pow then suggested that he might keep the building open for the purpose of catering to individuals and parties provided the city would bear the expense of heating.

A communication was sent to the Police Commissioners requesting the Police Department to arrange for carrying their wires to the patrol box, at Wood Island Park, through the conduit about to be laid by the Boston Electric Light Company.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 21, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Howe, Putnam and J.C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Howe submitted an estimate of the cost of establishing a crusher plant at the quarry in the Arnold Arboretum, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to establish a crusher plant at the quarry at Arnold Arboretum, as recommended by the Engineer, at an estimated cost of three thousand dollars.

Voted, that the Water Commissioners be requested to complete the laying of the water pipes in the traffic road of the Arborway between Washington and Centre streets, in order that this department can proceed with the work of surfacing the road this season.

Voted, that the work of surfacing Audubon road and the traffic road of the Arborway adjoining the land of the Arboretum Land Company be done as soon as the laying of the water and sewer pipes will admit of it.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright relating to Max Bachmann's contract for sgraffito work at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and the Secretary was direct

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to notify Eugene [illegible] that after due consideration of his letter and Mr. Bachmann's statement, the Board believes that it has a valid claim against the bondsmen, but that it will defer suit for a reasonable time to enable him, if he desires to confer with his co-surety.

A reply of the Police Department to a request of this Board that arrangements be made with the Boston Electric Light Company to lay wires to patrol boxes in underground conduit, Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

On request of Jones and Meehan the Secretary was directed to request the Police Board to instruct the Harbor Police to clear the anchorage along the Strandway from boats so far as may be necessary to enable the contractors to prosecute the work under their contract.

The applications of Edward D. Bolton and Patrick Norton for position of Superintendent of Parks were received and placed on file.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised grading plan of the Strandway between K and [illegible] streets, showing proposed bathing beach. The plan was accepted in its general provisions to permit the engineer to include the construction in the specification which are being prepared preliminary to advertising the contract.

A proposal was received from the Boston Electric Light Company to lay 1485 feet of cable in iron pipes in locations shown on a plan dated August 27, 1896, and to furnish and set five wooden poles for electric lighting, near the Refectory at Franklin Park, for the sum of five hundred [illegible] 25/100 dollars and the proposal was accepted.

A report from Hollis French, consulting engineer upon the Phillips Alternating Motor, 'muufactured by the Fort Wayne Electric Company, proposed to be used at the refectory, Franklin Park, was received from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further investigation.

An application from Fred. B. Bogan for the use of Franklin Park for the annual drill of the Ninth Regiment, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Bogan that such use of Franklin Park is contrary to the Policy of the Board, Franklin Field having been established to serve such purposes, and if he will signify his desire to use the Field for the proposed parade, the necessary permit will be granted.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 23, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present: Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. A conference was held with Messrs Howe and Putnam with reference to details of work and organization under the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 28, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present: Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe, Putnam and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for boat

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storage house at Pine Bank Cove, which was referred to the Engineer for an estimate of the cost.

Mr. Howe submitted plans and specifications for the construction of the Strandway between O and P streets and the Engineer was directed to advertise the contract, the bids to be received October 19th.

A bill for street watering from the Water Income Department was received and the Secretary was directed to return the same to the Superintendent and call his attention to the letter of the former Water Registrar stating that in the future no bills would be rendered for water used in sprinkling the streets and parkways.

An order of the Board of Aldermen asking for information regarding income from board buildings received by the department, also regarding the bathing facilities at Marine Park, was received and laid over pending a report on the bathing statistics by Mr. Dow.

A request of the Health Department for the privilege of occupying the beach end of the L street bathhouse on the Strandway during the coming winter, was granted and the Engineer was directed to provide in the contract for said occupancy. The Secretary was also directed to notify the Board of Health accordingly, and request said Board to make some provision for the Women's bathhouse elsewhere than on the Strandway, the coming season.

A proposition of Jones and Meehan to lay the Strandway wall in mortar for $200.00 or $250.00 per cubic yard was received. Mr. Howe stated that he did not think the proposed work was necessary and the Secretary was directed to notify Messrs Jones and Meehan accordingly.

The application of Gilman & Raymond and

Robert Couser for the privilege of letting and fitting skates and straps, grinding skates and checking articles at Jamaica Pond and Franklin Field, for five years, also application of Gilman J. Raymond for permit to sell refreshments at Franklin Field during the skating season, the privilege to extend for five years, were received and laid over.

A communication was received from Trumbull and Ryan asking if the Board wishes the fence to remain after the completion of their contract, and the Secretary was directed to notify them that it is of no use to this department.

Voted, that the pay of employees in the engineering force of this department be increased as follows:

Charles E. Houghton,	transitman,	from $3.25	to $3.50	per day
Theodore [illegible]	"	" 3.75	" 4.[illegible]	"
George A. Clough,	leveller,	" 3.00	" 3.50	" "
T. J. Murphy,	"	" 3.00	" 3.50	" "
John S. Lamson,	"	" 3.00	" 3.50	"
M. P. Almeida,	"	" 3.00	" 3.50	" "
P. J. Malley,	rodman,	" 2.50	" 2.75	" "
F. F. Skinner,	"	" 2.25	" 2.75	"
B. A. Howard,	"	" 2.00	" 2.50	"
J. C. Steinebrey,	clerk	" 3.00	" 3.50	
William H. Timson	"	" 2.50	" 3.00	" "

said increase to commence at the date of the last pay roll; and that the titles of Clough, Murphy, Lamson and Almeida be changed from leveller to transitman, and those of Malley and Skinner from rodman to leveller.

The question of increasing the pay of J. B. Shea was laid over.

The following bids for grading at Arnold Arboretum were received, opened and taken under advisement:

T. F. Finneran & M. J. O'Hearn, Boston,	$13,092.
James Doonan "	13,750.
F. X. Saucier " "	15,152.
Neil [illegible] "	15,300

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Andrew Carberry,	E. Walpole, Mass.	17, 572.
Collins & Ham,	Boston,	18, 177.50
John Crowley,	Dedham,	20, 272.50
Thomas Minton,	Boston,	20, 778.50
Thomas F. Broderick,	"	21, 460.00
H. P. Nawn	"	25, 159.00
John A. Whittemore's Sons	"	28, 540.00

Subsequently the contract was awarded to Finneran and O'Hearn and the amount of bonds required was fixed at Five thousand dollars.

Mr. Coe for the Election Commissioners came before the Board to ask the privilege of placing voting booths in Commonwealth avenue for use in the state and city elections. The Commissioners declined to allow booths to be placed on the grass but said that they would give temporary locations on the roadways provided the booths were erected and removed within a few days of each election.

Mr. Bow came before the Board with reference to the terms of his occupancy of the Head House, Marine Park. Mr. Bow stated that he would be prepared at the next meeting to submit figures and other details of the business done during the season.

Col. F. B. Bogan came before the Board with reference to securing grounds for the annual drill of the Ninth Regiment. Colonel Bogan desired the Board to reverse its judgment regarding the use of Franklin Park on account of Franklin Field being too wet for use. The Chairman replied that in such an event the Board would see to it that the regiment would have a suitable ground to drill upon. Subsequently, on request of Col. Bogan, it was

Voted, that the Ninth Regiment M.V.M. be permitted to hold its annual drill at Franklin Field on Monday, October 5, 1896, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on such grounds as the Superintendent may deem available for the purpose

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Fischer, Assistant Landscape Gardener, that the Board does not intend to renew the contract for his services after November 1st, but will permit him to retain his position until January 1, 1897, provided he sends in his resignation to take effect at that time.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 5, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Dodge, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe, Pitman and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a preliminary plan for the proposed Neponset Playground, and the Secretary was directed to confer with the Corporation Counsel regarding the powers of the Board to take lands other than those specified in the order of the City Council of April 8th for said playground.

Voted, that the Trustees of the Commonwealth avenue Fund be requested to deposit with the City Collector the sum of Five thousand dollars to be held by the City Treasurer for the purpose of assisting in the payment of the expenses of maintaining Commonwealth avenue and keeping it in repair as a macadamized roadway, in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

Mr. Dow reported that the gross receipts of the business at the Head House this year amounted to Nine thousand four hundred twenty-[illegible] 44/100 dollars and requested that his lease be executed. Mr. Dow also submitted a report of the business done at the bathing department

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together with the expenses and receipts thereof. The report was placed on file and a reply was sent to the Mayor in answer to the order of the Board of Aldermen asking for information on the subject.

A reply of the Water Commissioner on the bill for street sprinkling stating that the bill was rendered by order of the Mayor was received and placed on file. The matter was thereupon referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor regarding provision for payment of the bill.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report on the expediency and cost of establishing a marine park at Jeffries Point, East Boston, was received and referred to the Landscape Architects for report.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver submitting an estimate from the Fort Wayne Electric Corporation for electric motor for the refectory, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Dooling as to what he proposed to do concerning keeping the building open through the winter.

A communication from the Public Buildings Department enclosing a letter from Gerry and Northup, relating to certain needed repairs at the Head House, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An application of L. E. Bow for privilege of opening the [illegible] "Boat" House during the skating season, and for the exclusive right to sell refreshments and let skates, was received and laid over.

A communication from Mrs. Batten relative to an accident to her boy at the Wood Island Park Gymnasium and criticising the instructor was received. Mr. Putnam stated that he had investigated the charges against instructor Finneran and that the evidence of Mrs. Batten and others shows more or less carelessness regarding the admission of young boys to the gymnasium. The matter was laid over pending further inquiries by the Superintendent and the production of a report from Finneran.

Mr. Howe reported that he estimated the cost of erecting the boat shelter house at Pine Bank Cove at five thousand nine hundred dollars.

Messrs. Finneran and O'Hearn appeared and stated that in making their bid for grading at the Arboretum they made their price for hauling loam on the supposition that it was to be handled but once, that they did not carefully read the specification and cannot carry out the contract without loss. They, therefore, asked the Board to release them from the performance of their contract. It was thereupon

Voted, to reconsider the vote awarding the contract for grading at the Arboretum to Finneran and O'Hearn and to reject their bid on account of an evident error in the same, and to award the contract to James Doonan, the next lowest bidder.

A delegation consisting of the Commodores and other members of several of the yacht clubs at South Boston made an appeal to the Commissioners to provide in the Strandway plans a place near K. street for hauling out and repairing boats during the winter months, under the control and supervision of the Board. The Commissioners replied that they would give the matter due consideration.

A communication was received from W. L. Fisher protesting against the contemplated removal of himself from the position of a landscape gardener. Mr. Fisher also came before the Board and made a statement regarding his connection with the department and the nature and value of his services.

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A plan for the women's bathhouses at North End Beach was submitted by R. Clipston Sturgis, architect, who explained the scope of the plan and estimated the cost at thirty thousand dollars.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, October 12, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Putnam and J.C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Putnam submitted his report of a partial investigation of the charges of neglect of duty against P. J. Finneran, Superintendent of the gymnasium at Wood Island Park, which were read and placed on file.

The Landscape Architects submitted a plan of the proposed Neponset Playground and the Secretary reported that, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, land could be taken without regard to the location or limits specified in the order of the City Council of April 8, 1896. The Secretary was thereupon directed to offer to those interested in the land covered by the plan, one cent per foot for the area required from each estate.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, requesting immediate action and approval of outlet for surface water at the Back Bay Fens for a new street, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply, that the Board is opposed to mixing the waters of the Fens with street drainage particularly in view of the fact that the covered channel of Muddy River, running through Brookline avenue, affords a convenient means for disposing of the surface drainage of the adjoining district and that for these reasons the Board feels compelled to decline to grant the request.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to allow one month longer time for removal of yachts in Dorchester Bay, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, requesting that the winter classes at the Women's gymnasium, Charlesbank, be continued for this year at the sole expense of the City, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board would appropriate two hundred dollars if the Association would undertake the work.

The application of John F. DeLeon for permission to sell refreshments at Franklin Park Skating, the request of John Donnelly and others for permission to erect a new sign-board fence at the corner of Main and Alford streets Charlestown, were received and laid over.

The Board conferred with Mr. Bow regarding his application for the privilege of opening Pine Bank House, during the skating season, and refused his request on the ground that such provisional or temporary occupancy was not desirable.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec.

Boston, October 19th [illegible]

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Putnam and J. C. Olmsted. The

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records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for filling on the Strandway were received and opened:

Hugh Farrell,	Somerville,	47¢
Jones & Meehan & Donovan,	Boston,	59¢
Wilkins and Hill	"	[illegible]¢
Eastern Dredging Co.	"	66½¢

The bids were taken under advisement and subsequently the contract was awarded to Hugh Farrell, and the amount of bond required was fixed at twenty five thousand dollars.

A proposition of the Suburban Light and Power Company to lay an underground conduit for electric wires to the refectory, Franklin Park, for the sum of one hundred twenty five dollars, also to extend the power circuit to the refectory for four hundred dollars; also the proposal of the Fort Wayne Electric Corporation to put in a motor at the Franklin Park Refectory for two hundred ninety dollars, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Voted, to authorize the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association to carry on the winter classes at the Women's Gymnasium in accordance with said proposition.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, calling attention to the delay in laying the artificial stone work on St. Martin street, Charlestown, caused by the delay of this department to complete the stone work on the west side of the street; also requesting that sufficient stone be removed from the top of the hill to allow room for unloading stock and edging granite, was received and referred to the Engineer.

The application of Henry W. Putnam for permits to play on the golf-links to be opened at Franklin Park, was received and placed on file, and the whole matter of establishing golf links was referred to the Chairman with full power.

An offer of G. H. Williams of seventy-five cents per foot for certain small pieces of land on Seaver street was received and laid over.

A request of the Librarian of the Public Library for a permit for their delivery wagons to pass through the Fens and Commonwealth avenue was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of Messrs. J. A. [illegible] and [illegible] for abatement of one half of the compensation required to be paid by them for the occupancy of the Overlook, Franklin Park, on account of the diminished receipts due to the bad weather throughout the season, was received and laid over.

A request of Charles D. Malaguti for permit to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park during the skating season, was received and laid over.

The application of John Donnelly & Sons to erect a new sign board fence at the corner of [illegible] and Main streets, Charlestown, was taken from the table and permission refused.

A conference was held with Mr. Dooling regarding the business done at the refectory at Franklin Park and the arrangements necessary to be made for the use and heating of the building during the winter. Mr. Dooling stated that he expected to occupy the kitchen and serving rooms and to heat the rest of the building for five months would probably cost five hundred dollars, which he was not prepared to do.

Mr. Babson came before the Board with reference to a settlement of sundry betterment cases. The Commissioners stated that they would follow the recommendation of the Law Department as soon as Mr. Babson was prepared to make specific settlements.

A conference was held with the Superintendent

October 19, 1896 of Streets with reference to the surface drainage of the territory between Brookline avenue and the Fens. Mr. Wells stated that the refusal of the Board to allow this drainage to enter the Fens causes the shifting of the whole plan of surface drainage south of Boylston street and maintained that the Park Department should bear the extra expense of carrying the drainage to the Covered Channel in Brookline avenue. The Commissioners suggested that a plan be prepared to include the drainage of the park road, the question of the expense being shared by this department to be left for future discussion.

[illegible] of the [illegible] Ass. to furnish music and to give $50. towards the [illegible] for the winter [illegible] at the Charlesbank if the Board will [illegible] the [illegible] and lay a new floor was received.

Geo. F. Clarke Secy.

Boston, October 26, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe, Putnam and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A proposition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to the installation of a pay station at Marine Park was received and laid on the table.

A notice from E. D. Ryerson that the park road near the Forest Hills station is encumbered with road material to such an extent that he is unable to use it, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Bids were submitted by Commodore Stetson for removing lockers of the Boston Yacht Club, as follows:

John Cavanagh & Co.	$90.00
George R. Cavanagh	100.00
T. Ahearn & Son	175.00
Isaac Blair & Co	200.00 and it was

Voted, to accept the bid of John Cavanagh & Co.

Orders authorizing extra work under the contract with Perkins and White for building walls, draining and surfacing ground at the Public Park, North End, were received from the City Engineer and adopted by the Board.

Communications from W. E. C. Swan and F. L. Willard, relating to land in [illegible] proposed to be taken for a playground, were received and placed on file.

A request of Trumbull and Ryan for balance due on contract for walls and grading at the Public Park, North End, was received and laid over until the final estimate is submitted by the City Engineer.

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A request of Jones and Meehan to be allowed to make a slight change in the foundation at the northwesterly end of the Strandway [illegible], without extra expense to the City, was received and referred to the Engineer to draw up the necessary orders.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the betterment suits of Florinda A. Johnson, et. als, and Thomas J. Emery, trustee, for nominal sums upon their giving releases of all damages, costs and expenses caused by the laying out and construction of the Public Park, Muddy River, including the right to slope or bank the filling upon their remaining lands, and provided they restrict the remaining lands as set forth in the [illegible] form of public [illegible] deed for the Parkway, Muddy River; said releases and agreements to be satisfactory to the Law Department.

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Mrs. Margaret Watten came before the Board and asked that Superintendent Finneran of the Wood Island Park Gymnasium be removed from his position for reasons set forth in her letter charging him with neglect of duty. The Commissioners replied that they had the matter under consideration.

N. F. McCarthy, and others, a committee of the Columbian Yacht Club came before the Board and asked that early action be taken regarding their application for a location on the Strandway in order that they may proceed with their plans for raising money for the construction of a club house. The Commissioners stated that they would endeavor to take the matter up at an early day.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, November 2, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Dodge, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Putnam and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Charles S. Sargent, director of the Arnold Arboretum, came before the Board with reference to changing the location of the driveway now under contract at the Arboretum in order to better serve the purposes of the Arboretum. The Commissioners suggested that Professor Sargent confer with the contractor to see if satisfactory arrangements can be made and

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be instructed to bring in a new plan for the road in the addition to the Arnold Arboretum, placing the driveway lower down the hill substantially as suggested by Professor Sargent.

At the suggestion of Professor Sargent it was also
Voted, that the Landscape Architects be instructed to bring in plans for the Prince street side of Jamaica Park, placing the pleasure driveway where the Morse house stood.

Mr. Sargent also asked that a wall be erected between the Arboretum and the Arborway, and the matter was taken under consideration by the Board. Subsequently the Engineer was directed to stake out the line of the proposed wall and to consider the building thereof by contract.

A report of the Landscape Architects on the question of the propriety of establishing a park at Jeffrey's Point, East Boston, referred to this Board by the Common Council, was received and placed on file.

A communication from W. L. Fischer requesting that the reason why he will not be allowed to retain his position as Assistant Landscape Gardener be communicated to him in writing, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets approving the plan of catch-basins on Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Exeter streets, and stating that directions had been given for cleaning the twenty-three basins alotted to the Street Department by said plan, was received and placed on file.

Voted, that the men in the employ of this department be allowed half holidays on the State and Municipal election days, 1896, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

A permit was granted on the application of the Committee on Intercollegiate Sound Money Parade for permission to parade on Commonwealth avenue, November 2nd.

A communication from the Police Department relating to police quarters at Castle Island, enclos-

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ing a communication from Sargeant McGrath, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, asking that the Paving Division be given permission to cross the Back Bay Fens, from Westland avenue to Boylston street, in dry weather during the construction of the extension of said Boylston street was received and permission refused.

The request of Trumbull and Ryan that they be paid the balance due on their contract, was taken from the table, and it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to sign the final estimate without waiting for the expiration of the forty days provided for in said contract.

A hearing was given to the Commonwealth Yacht Club regarding its standing since the defection of those who now form the Columbian Yacht Club. Commodore Marley submitted a list showing a membership of about 144 and a fleet of thirty-seven yachts. He stated that they had plans drawn for a new club house which could not now be found. They were ready to erect a building, however, satisfactory to the Commissioners.

A hearing was also given to the City Point Rowing Association on its application for a location for its boat house on the Strandway. President Delaney stated they had 78 active and 16 old members He submitted a list of boats and other property belonging to the club aggregating about \$2,200.00 Josiah S. Dean stated that he represented both clubs and addressed the Board in support of their several petitions

Hon. Charles F. Sprague asked leave for the Ward Committee of Jamaica Plain to make a bonfire on a raft in Jamaica Pond. As no formal request had been received from the Committee, the

Commissioners took no action but intimated that they would not favor such an application.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 9, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe, Putnam and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted a plan of the proposed change in the location of the drive at the Arnold Arboretum.

A proposal of the Suburban Light and Power Co. to lay an underground conduit for electric light wires to the refectory, Franklin Park, for the sum of three hundred twenty-five dollars was received and accepted.

On the application of Ward 22 Republican Committee for a permit to parade on Jamaicaway and Arborway, from Lockstead street to Centre street, November 9th, it was

Voted, that Ward 22 Republican Committee be permitted to parade on Pond street, and Arborway to Centre street, on Monday, November 9, 1896, with the understanding that a suitable detail of police will be provided to maintain order and to protect the trees and property of the City from injury, provided that said committee will cause to be repaired any damage occasioned thereby.

The Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Board of Street Commissioners to the desirability of an arrangement with the abutters to [illegible] their property in consideration of the discontinuance of the old road opposite the refectory, Franklin Park, on which the Street Commissioners recently [illegible]

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A communication from Uriel H. Crocker relating to the improvement of the bridle paths was received and referred to the Superintendent for an estimate of the cost of doing the work.

A communication from Robert S. Minot declining offer of one cent per foot for land of Sarah E. [illegible] for [illegible] Playground, was received and placed on file. Subsequently it was

Voted, that it is desirable to take the lands mentioned in the order of the City Council, approved April 8, 1896, for the purposes of a playground, and that the Secretary prepare papers for taking the same.

A communication from John F. Dever, requesting permit for Mr. Van Houten to occupy a small space of land at [illegible] Playground for his English Fair, was received and permission refused.

A communication from J. S. Dean relating to the application of the Commonwealth Yacht Club for a site upon the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

An application of J. O'Donnell for abatement of 50% of his betterment assessment was received and refused, unless he restricts his land in accordance with the proposition for a settlement of the outstanding park betterments, made through the Law Department.

A request of [illegible] A. Quimby for a permit to cart loam through Dorchester Park in order to improve his estate on Richmond street, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested.

Voted, that the Engineer prepare specifications for a four foot wall between the Arboretum and the Arborway.

Voted, that the Engineer prepare specifications for grading the driveway on the westerly side of Jamaica Pond, from Perkins to Prince street.

Voted, that the Secretary notify Professor Sargent that the

Board has agreed to the change of location of the [illegible] in the Arboretum, [illegible] provided the contractor will consent to an alteration of the contract in this particular without increasing the prices to be paid for work done under said contract.

The Secretary submitted in print the rules for the use and government of the public parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards, adopted by the Board August [illegible] and it was

Voted, that said rules be amended by striking out the words "accost or" from the first clause of rule 3, and changing the order of the other clauses so that said rule as amended shall read as follows: 3. No person shall follow or otherwise annoy another person; or whistle; or utter any profane, threatening or abusive language or loud outcry, or do any obscene or indecent act; or solicit any subscription or contribution; or play any game of chance, or have possession of any instrument of gambling.

Voted, that said rules be amended by substituting the words "not provided with a suitable alarm bell", for the words, "pass an animal, cycle or vehicle going in the same direction without sounding a bell," wherever the latter words occur in said rules.

The Chairman submitted a complaint against police officer 1659 from Miss Susan C. Hayward which he directed to be sent to the Captain of Station 16 for investigation.

The Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Superintendent of Streets to the fact that the building of a wall on Blue Hill avenue was a part of the work specified to be done by the Street Department under the arrangement with his predecessor whereby the consent of this Board was given to the widening of the avenue on the park lands, November 9, 1896. and to ask if he has taken any steps to build it or is prepared to do so.

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Boston, November 17, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe, Putnam and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted a plan and profiles for a separate pleasure driveway thirty feet in width, extending from Perkins street to Jamaicaway, along the western shore of Jamaica Pond, together with a report in writing advising against the building of the road unless it can be made a link in a continuous separate pleasure road extending from Huntington avenue, Brookline, to Franklin Park.

A report of the Landscape Architects on proposed boundaries for the playground at Neponset, was received and it was

Voted, to reconsider the vote proposing to take the lands, referred to in the order of the City Council, which was passed at the last meeting.

The matter was then referred to the Landscape Architects regarding the proposed change of plan for the said playground.

A communication was received from the Landscape Architects regarding the proposed change of plan for the road along the side of Peters Hill in the Arnold Arboretum, expressing regret that the policy of the Board which has made five percent the maximum grade up to the present time should have been abandoned in this case.

A communication from the Mayor enclosing copy of proposed ordinance relating to this Department was received and referred to the Secretary for correction and transmission to the Mayor.

A plan for the relocation of Longwood avenue in the Riverway, drawn by Alexis H. French, C.E., dated November 10, 1896, was received and it was

Voted, that the plan for the relocation of a part of Longwood avenue, drawn by Alexis H. French, Town Engineer of Brookline, and dated November 10, 1896, be approved and that the Street Commissioners be requested to relocate said avenue in accordance with said plan.

Voted, that the grading plan for west side of Jamaica Pond, submitted this day by the Landscape Architects, be approved as to location of driveway and walk, and that the Engineer prepare working plans and specifications preparatory to advertising for bids.

The Board conferred with the Mayor regarding sewer and water bills amounting to $10,088.$\frac{72}{100}$, for which no provision was made in the appropriation for maintenance, also regarding account sales of sheep and lambs which the Board proposed to exchange for grain and feed. The Mayor said that he preferred to have the money received from the sale of sheep turned in as income and that he would see that a transfer of the same amount together with the amount necessary to cover the sewer and water bills was made to the department appropriation before the end of the financial year.

A communication from the United States Engineer Office, regarding the use of the rooms occupied by the police department at Castle Island, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Henry Saxton Adams that provision be made in Franklin Park for tobogganing, the request of the Harvard Improvement Association that Franklin Field be flooded for skating, also that the nuisance arising from the defective sewerage

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system in Talbot avenue be suppressed, were received and laid over until the next meeting.

An agreement of James Doonan to changes in location and grade of drive on the North side of Peters Hill, in the Arnold Arboretum, was received and placed on file.

The Secretary was directed to call the attention of Professor Sargent to the fact that the proposed change of the driveway at the Arnold Arboretum, leaves about 10,000 cubic yards of filling material which the Board expects him to supply from some other souce without additional cost to the City.

Councilman Doherty came before the Board with reference to the proposed North End Playground and suggested that land be taken with a view to giving as much light and air as possible to the schoolhouse adjoining the proposed playground.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the betterment cases of E. F. Bates, Sarah S. Chesley, Martin E. Downey, Alice M. Ellis, Emma Gethke, Michael Goodwin, William H. Goodwin, Frances S. Johnson, Mary A. McLaren, William Minot Jr. Trustee, Lizzie W. Payson, C. S. Penhallow, Clifton H. Wing and Emiline Wing on the basis of fifty per cent. of the amounts assessed on account of the laying out of Jamaica Park and Arborway.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the betterment cases of Emma F. Cary, Mary S. Gill, J. L. Gorham, Eben Murray, Ann M. Spaulding, Charles H. Wing et. al. Trustees, and Eward M. Brewer et. als. on the basis of fifty percent of the assessments, provided the said persons severally give an agreement to hold their remaining lands abutting upon Jamaica Park and Arborway subject to all the restrictions contained in the printed form of deed for the parkway, Muddy River.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the betterment case of N. S. Manson, Administrator estate of Elvin D. Hall, upon the basis of fifty per cent. of the assessment, provided the present owner of the estate gives an agreement to hold his remaining land, abutting upon Jamaica Park, subject to all the restrictions contained in the printed form of deed for the parkway, Muddy River.

Voted, that the Law Department is authorized to settle the assessment case of [illegible], upon the basis of fifty percent of the assessment, provided he gives an agreement to hold his remaining land, abutting upon Jamaica Park, subject to all the restrictions contained in the printed form of deed for the parkway, Muddy River.

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Boston, November 19, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office at 2.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs. Lane, Putnam and Eliot.

Mr. Perrine representing the Metropolitan Construction Company asked the Board to grant the company the privilege of [illegible] of material across Tremont Entrance from Huntington avenue to fill land on the West side. The request was refused.

Congressman Fitzgerald came before the Board and asked that the work on the park at the North End be hurried so that it might be put in condition to be used by the public next season.

The Mayor conferred with the Board regarding the plans for the park at the North End and the playgrounds provided for in the loan order passed by the City Council.

Mr. Sturgis explained the plans submitted by him for the Women's bathhouse at North End Beach. Sub-

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Voted, that R. C. Sturgis be selected as the architect for the Women's bathhouse at North End Beach, and that he be directed to prepare working plans at once in accordance with his latest design, including the [illegible] platform, the wings of the building to be shingled unless there is an objection to the use of shingles on account of design.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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Boston, November 23, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Sutton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Eliot and Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted an outline plan of the proposed Neponset Playground, which was referred to the Secretary to confer with the Street Commissioners regarding the location of [illegible] streets.

The Board conferred with the Mayor and Mr. John C. Cobb regarding the proposed playground at West [illegible]. Mr. Cobb stated that he estimated the value of the land proposed to be taken at three and one half cents per foot and that taking the chances of a verdict by jury it ought not to cost over five cents per foot. [illegible] would be a fair settlement.

Mr. Cobb was also requested to examine the lands proposed to be taken for the Neponset Playground and report to the Board what liability the city would probably incur by said taking.

A conference was also held with the Mayor and [illegible] regarding the running of the bathing buildings at Marine Park and the requirements for the future.

A communication from the Public Buildings Department submitting a proposal from Gerry and Northup for five hundred additional bathhouses, including the extension of the bathhouses to connect with the pier in accordance with the original plan, was received and it was

Voted, to request the Public Buildings Department to submit a modified plan to furnish from three hundred to five hundred additional bathhouses on the men's side.

A request of the Landscape Architects to be placed in communication with Mr. Fischer's successor, was received and placed on file.

A loan order containing park department items to the amount of one hundred twenty four thousand dollars was received and placed on file.

A report from the Public Buildings Department on the present condition of the work at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A petition from East Boston citizens requesting that a permit be granted Daniel N. Generson to keep a refreshment stand at Wood Island Park was received and the matter of granting permission for this business was referred to the Superintendent.

A report of the Superintendent of Police on Miss Hayward's complaint against officer George W. Taylor, was received and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the report to Miss Hayward.

Adjourned to Friday, November 27, at 2 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, November 27, [illegible]

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Hodges, Hall and Stratton, also present the Mayor and Messrs. Jackson, Howe, [illegible] and Putnam.

November 27. 1896. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An order of the City Council requesting the Mayor to instruct this Board to include in its estimate of expenses for 1897 a sum sufficient for maintenance of bath houses free of charge, was received and placed on file.

A preliminary plan for laying out the playground situated between B and C, and First and Second streets, South Boston, prepared by the Landscape Architects, was submitted by Mr. Eliot. A proposition of the Mayor that the Park Department take the surplus loam from the ground for use on the Strandway, and allow the public grounds department what it is worth was considered and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to procure bids for stripping and removing the loam to a dump on the Strandway, the work to be completed in five weeks.

Mr. Eliot also submitted a sketch for laying out the Willow street Playground which was referred to the Engineer to prepare working plans.

Voted, that the rules for the use and government of the public parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards adopted August 24, 1896 be amended by striking out the words "or whistle" from rule 3 and inserting the word "whistle" after the word "sing" wherever the latter word occurs in said rules.

Voted, that the rules relating to the rate of speed at which an animal or vehicle may be ridden or driven in the public parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards be amended by substituting therefor the following rule:

"No person shall ride or drive an animal not well broken and under proper control of the rider or driver; or ride an animal, or drive an animal attached to a vehicle, or ride a cycle or other vehicle faster than ten miles an hour."

Voted, that the rule adopted for the use and government of the Fens, Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, Arborway, West Roxbury Parkway and Franklin Park entered on page 39 (Volume 9 of the records of this Board), be amended by inserting the words "or coast therewith down any hill" after the words "except upon the drives; also that the rule adopted for the use and government of Commonwealth avenue, Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, Dorchesterway, Strandway, Marine Park and Wood Island Park, entered on page 40 (Volume 9 of the records of this Board), be amended by inserting the words "or coast with a cycle or other vehicle down any hill" after the word "drives."

Voted, that the rules for the use and government of the public parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards, adopted August 24, 1896, be amended by striking out the words "wagon or other" wherever said words occur in said rules.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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Boston, November 30, 1896.

The following bids for building a wall on Arborway at Arnold Arboretum were received and read at the office of the Board at 2 P.M. Commissioners Pratt and Stratton being present

Edward Lynch & Co.	Boston,	$16,419.
J. Wilder Howe	Cambridge	2,900.
James G. King	Boston	15,5[illegible]
David M. Biggs	" ,	11,659.00
Thomas F. Welch	" ,	11,270.00
James M. Ballantyne	Auburndale	10,972.00
Martin F. Culbert	Boston	10,620.00
John Sutherland	"	10,495.00

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C. A. & G. A. Trumbull	Boston,	$10,209.00
William G. Eaton	"	9,421.17
William L. Miller	"	8,794.00
James Dolan	"	8,300.00
J. C. Coleman	"	7,780.00
Pierce F. Lonergan	"	7,749.00
T. H. Conolly	"	7,552.00
Thomas Minton	"	7,000.00
John A. Whittemore's Sons	"	5,944.00
Thomas F. Broderick	"	5,670.00

The bids were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 1, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe Eliot and Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A conference was held with the Mayor regarding the proposed playgrounds at West Roxbury, Neponset and South Boston.

Mr. Eliot submitted a preliminary plan for promenade pier and Men's bathhouse at the North End Beach, and the matter was referred to the Engineer to complete the piling plans and specifications for the pier and confer with the Architect Division of the Public Building Department regarding the details of the building arrangements. It was

Voted to ask Mr. Sturgis to design the Administration Building in connection with the Women's bathhouse and submit plans therefor as soon as possible.

Mr. John C. Cobb reported the result of his examination of the land proposed to be taken for the Neponset Playground. He estimated the marsh land at seven hundred dollars or eight hundred dollars an acre and the Blackwell land at eight to ten cents per foot.

Mr. Cobb submitted a report from Mr. Harmon, of [illegible] [illegible] estimating the [illegible] the average at five-hundred dollars per acre.

[illegible] submitted bids [illegible] for [illegible] loam from the lot on M and Second street, South Boston, to the Strandway as follows:

James Dolan,	29¢
William T. Davis,	38¢
Frank J. Hannon	42¢
[illegible]	[illegible]

The bid of James Dolan was accepted and the amount of bonds was fixed at five hundred dollars.

Mr. J. Wilder Howe came before the Board and asked to be relieved from performing the contract for building wall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he had since ascertained that the stone would cost nearly double what he had expected to get it for. Subsequently it was

Voted, to reject the bid of J. Wilder Howe and award the contract to Thomas F. Broderick, the next lowest bidder, under a bond of two thousand dollars for its fulfilment.

A report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association on the Women's Division at Charlestown [illegible] read and placed on file. [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] received and placed on file.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. W. L. [illegible] [illegible] that no further time can be allowed him, and that if his resignation is not received within a week, the Board will remove him from office and will state in the order of removal its reasons therefor, as required by the ordinances.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

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Boston, December 4, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Stratton.

A conference was held with Messrs W. K. Pryor & Co. and counsel for Hugh Farrell on the question of permitting Pryor & Co. to continue in occupancy of the grounds used for storing boats on the Strandway until May 1st. The Commissioners stated that they would consent to an extension of time for two months for the completion of the work if that would suit the contractor.

The Secretary was directed to notify Messrs Borden and Anderson that any arrangements made with the contractor for continued occupancy of the yards must terminate on or before May 1st, 1897, and the sites vacated on said day.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, December 7, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the City. Also present the Mayor and Messrs Jackson, Howe, Eliot and Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted a sketch for a playground near Washington Village which was discussed with the Mayor and referred to the Engineer to estimate the cost of filling and preparing the same for use.

Mr. Howe submitted a grading plan for the [illegible] street playground. Mr. Howe stated with reference to the Mayor that lowering the grade about twenty inches, [illegible] to grade [illegible] would avoid the necessity of filling.

Mr. Sturgis submitted a plan for the Admin-

[illegible] Building at North End Park, which was discussed and referred back to him for estimates.

A request of the Assistant Landscape Gardener to be retained in office until June 1, 1897, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A notice to Jones and Meehan to substitute drift bolts instead of treenails for work on the Strandway was received from the City Engineer and referred to the Chairman with authority to order the substitution.

A Common Council order requesting the flooding of a portion of the North End Park for skating was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A [illegible] of A. Davis Bain to settle boundaries, West Roxbury Parkway, was received and laid over.

A communication from Miss Hayward relating to her complaint against officer Taylor, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Police.

A request of Mrs. Jane L. Randolph for permission to erect a waiting room for the sale of refreshments in Charlestown Playground, was received and permission refused.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to heat the Band Room and Franklin Park refectory during the time the leases are being considered, and to make the additional fittings at the Band Room which in his judgment may be required. Mr. Putnam was also authorized to place Instructor Finneran at Wood Island Park on half pay during the winter months.

The Superintendent stated that he recommended that a permit be given to Daniel N. Generson, to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park, and the Secretary was thereupon directed to issue a permit to Daniel N. Gen-

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erson, to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park, for this season, and to notify George A. Garrall and Charles D. Malaguti that their applications for permission to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park have been refused by the Board.

Voted, that the section of the Arborway between Centre street and Forest Hills bridge be referred to Mr. Stratton to report suggestions for its improvement, including the planting.

Adjourned to December 11, at 2 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 11, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs Jackson, Howe, Eliot and Putnam.

A conference was held with the Mayor regarding a site for the proposed playground near the old boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester. Mr. Jackson submitted an estimate of the cost of filling the area between Hyde and Kemp streets, and the Chairman was authorized to employ John C. Cobb to estimate the value and probable cost of about six acres in this location.

The Secretary was directed to grant an annual permit to H. S. Mackay to erect temporary awnings, from time to time, over the sidewalk of Hotel Tuileries, 270 Commonwealth avenue.

The Secretary was also authorized to grant permits to Gilman J. Raymond and Robert Coulsey to sell and let skates and straps, grind skates and check articles at Jamaica Park, during the present skating season; also to John F. De Leon to sell refreshments at the Jamaica Pond boat landing, during the skating season.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Harvard

Improvement Association that Franklin Field was being flooded for skating, and to refer the matter of the defective sewer in Talbot avenue to the Sewer Division of the Street Department.

The Secretary was directed to notify Joseph A. Conry, president of the Common Council, that owing to the matter of refreshment privileges at Wood Island Park having been left in the hands of the Superintendent who had previously granted permission to Daniel H. Senerson, the Board was unable to grant a permit to John [illegible]; also to notify [illegible] that, for the same reason, the Board is unable to grant his application for permission to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park.

Voted, that thirty days additional time be allowed McHale and Heisler on their contract for building walls at Charlestown Heights.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for grading at Jamaica Park were received and read.

F. A. Snow,	Boston	$5,160.00
P. H. Conolly,	"	5,235.00
F. X. Saucier,	"	5,395.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Uxbridge	[illegible]
James [illegible]	Boston	6,235.00
Neil McBride	"	7,000.00
M. J. O'Hearn & F. F. Finneran	"	7,170.00

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John J. Maney,	Boston	$ 7, 317. 50
Thomas Minton,	"	7, 395. 00
Joseph D. Glennard,	"	7, 935. 00
James Dolan,	"	8, 130. 00
John A. Whittemore's Sons,	"	9, 325. 00
Thomas F. Broderick	"	10, 125. 00

The contract was awarded to F. A. Snow and the amount of bonds fixed at fifteen hundred dollars

A conference was held with the Mayor regarding the laying out of playgrounds in South Boston and arrangements were made for a public hearing on the M. street playground at Gray's Hall.

A communication from Charles H. King, referred to this Board by the Mayor, containing suggestions regarding the golf links at Franklin Park was read and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from C. J. Page requesting the rebuilding of Westland entrance was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

A request of Wright and Ditson to be allowed to furnish apparatus for open-air gymnasium in South Boston was received and placed on file.

Executive circular No. 11, requesting estimates of receipts and expenditures to be submitted to the City Auditor on or before December 26th, was received and the Superintendent was directed to submit estimates for the consideration of the Board at its next meeting.

A communication from Frederick W. Kelsey of the Essex County Park Commission, Newark, N. J., requesting information regarding the operation of the Boulevard Act in Massachusetts, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Messrs. Evans and Bertram, representing the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club and President Delaney of the South Boston Rowing Association, came before the Board with reference to their several petitions for locations on the Strandway. From statements made it appeared that both organizations preferred locations at K street and that fifty by one hundred feet would suffice for each location. The Board, thereupon, took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Sturgis submitted a final study of plan for Administration Building and Women's Bath-house at North End Beach. He estimated the cost of the former at twelve thousand dollars or a total cost for both buildings of about thirty thousand dollars not including the pile platform under the Women's bathhouse. Mr. Eliot was directed to examine the plans and report whether, in his opinion, they are suitably arranged to serve the purposes for which the buildings are to be erected.

The Secretary submitted a schedule of areas and valuations of the lands proposed to be taken for a playground at Neponset, the Board thereupon estimated the expense thereof as follows:

Henry B. Blackwell,	53,100.	sq. ft.	$1600.
James H. Stark,	6,670	″ ″	100.
Sarah E. Pratt,	43,850	″ ″	200.
Lottie E. Brown,	25,000	″ ″	100.
H. Burr Crandall,	59,850	″ ″	150.
Frederick J. Stark,	84,000	″ ″	300
Sarah E. Pratt,	100,300	″ ″	300
Sarah E. Pratt et. al.,	101,500	″ ″	300.
William E. C. Swan,	83,350	″ ″	300
Maria L. & Annie M. Newhall,	1,200	″ ″	8.
F. L. Willard,	187,500	″ ″	1125
Lucy A. Woodman,	48,200	″ ″	271.
	794,520.	″ ″	$4754.

and passed the following act of taking:

The City of Boston, by virtue and in partial execution of the authority given to it by chapter 225 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its board of park commissioners duly constituted under

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the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land situate in that part of said Boston which was formerly Dorchester, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City:– a parcel of land supposed to belong to Henry B. Blackwell, bounded southwesterly by [illegible] avenue, $446\frac{25}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by other land of said Henry B. Blackwell, 35 feet; northerly and northwesterly by lands of James H. Stark and H. Burr Crandall, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 400 feet; easterly by land of Lottie E. Brown, $216\frac{15}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of Sarah E. Pratt by two lines, $267\frac{5}{10}$ feet and 12 feet; southeasterly by land of Henry C. Thomas, et. al., 42 feet; containing 53,700 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to James H. Stark bounded northwesterly by other land of said Stark, $68\frac{5}{10}$ feet; northeasterly by land of H. Burr Crandall, $117\frac{5}{10}$ feet; southerly and southwesterly by land of Henry B. Blackwell, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 150 feet; containing 6,670 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Lottie E. Brown bounded westerly by land of Henry B. Blackwell, $216\frac{15}{100}$ feet; northerly by land of H. Burr Crandall, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 180 feet; easterly by land of Frederick J. Stark, 97 feet; southeasterly by land of Sarah E. Pratt, $196\frac{6}{10}$ feet; containing 25,000 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Sarah E. Pratt bounded southwesterly by land of Henry B. Blackwell, $267\frac{5}{10}$ feet; northwesterly by land of Lottie E. Brown, $196\frac{6}{10}$ feet; easterly by land of Frederick J. Stark, 347$\frac{1}{10}$ feet; southwesterly by land of Henry C. Thomas, et al., and Henry B. Blackwell, 165$\frac{1}{10}$ feet; containing [illegible] square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Frederick J. Stark bounded westerly by land of Sarah E. Pratt and Lottie E. Brown, 444$\frac{6}{10}$ feet; northerly by lands of H. Burr Crandall and William E. C. Swan, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 220 feet; easterly by land of Sarah E. Pratt, 423$\frac{4}{10}$ feet; southerly by land of Munier, by land of Simpson, and by land of Joseph W. Hammond, 231$\frac{7}{10}$ feet; containing 84,000 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to H. Burr Crandall bounded southwesterly by land of [illegible], 11$\frac{5}{10}$ feet; northwesterly by other land of said Crandall, 350 feet; northeasterly by land of William E. C. Swan, 353 feet; generally, northerly and southwesterly by land of Frederick J. Stark, land of Lottie E. Brown, and land of Henry B. Blackwell, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 630 feet; containing 59,850 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to William E. C. Swan bounded southwesterly by land of H. Burr Crandall, 353 feet; northwesterly, by other land of said Swan, 251$\frac{56}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by a court leading to Tolman street, 4$\frac{42}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by said court and land of Hayes, 40 feet; again northwesterly by land of Coffin, 122$\frac{62}{100}$ feet; easterly by land of Sarah E. Pratt, 263 feet; again easterly by land of said Pratt, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 267 feet; containing 83,350 square feet, more or less.

Another parcel of land supposed to belong to Sarah E. Pratt bounded westerly by land of

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Frederick J. Stark, 423 4/10 feet, by land of William E. C. Swan, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 238 feet, and by said land of said Swan 553 feet; northwesterly by land of Coffin, 82 5/100 feet; northeasterly by land of Sarah E. Pratt, et. al., 50 39/100 feet; easterly by the same, 894 2/10 feet; southeasterly by land of Hildreth Heirs, 122 8/10 feet; southwesterly by land of [illegible], 24 14/100 feet; containing 100,300 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Sarah E. Pratt, et. al., bounded westerly and southwesterly by land of Sarah E. Pratt by two lines, 894 2/10 feet and 50 39/100 feet; northwesterly by land of Coffin, 20 4/100 feet; northeasterly by other land of said Sarah E. Pratt, et. al., 171 feet; easterly by land Maria L. and Annie M. Newhall and land of Francis L. Willard, 825 5/10 feet; southerly by land of Holbrook, 141 feet; containing 101,500 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Maria L. and Annie M. Newhall bounded westerly by land of Sarah E. Pratt, et. al., 58 feet; northeasterly by other land of said Maria L. and Annie M. Newhall, 79 feet; southerly by land of Francis L. Willard, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 53 feet; containing 1200 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Francis L. Willard bounded westerly by land of Sarah E. Pratt, et. al., 767 5/10 feet; northerly by land of Maria L. and Annie M. Newhall, by the centre line of Pine Neck Creek, 53 feet; northeasterly by other land of said Francis L. Willard, 304 3/10 feet; northwesterly by other land of said Francis L. Willard, 89 8/10 feet; northeasterly by land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, 20 feet; southeasterly by other land of said Francis L. Willard, 88 8/10 feet; northeasterly by the same, 190 feet;

westerly by land of Lucy A. Woodman, by the centre line of the south branch of Pine Neck Creek, 430 feet; southerly by other land of said Francis L. Willard, 185 feet; containing 187,500 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Lucy A. Woodman, bounded westerly by the land of Francis L. Willard, by the centre line of the south branch of Pine Neck Creek, 430 feet; northeasterly by other land of said Woodman, 443 8/10 feet; southeasterly by other land of Lucy A. Woodman, and by land of B. Clapp Heirs, 239 35/100 feet; southerly by other land of said Lucy A. Woodman, 140 8/10 feet; containing 48,200 square feet, more or less.

All of said parcels of land being shown on a plan dated December 14, 1896, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and on file in the office of said commissioners, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

City of Boston,
By, (signed) E. C. Hodges.
" Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton

The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

The Board estimated the expense of taking land at West Roxbury for a playground as follows:

John J. Coleman and William Lyon 47,042 sq. ft. $11,335.

and passed the following act of taking:

The City of Boston, by virtue and in pursuance of the authority given to it by chapter 336 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its board of park commissioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of said Boston which was formerly West Roxbury

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an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City:— a parcel of land supposed to belong to Elmer J. Coleman and William Lyons, bounded and described as follows: Southwest by Lagrange street, by three measurements, one hundred fourteen and $\frac{12}{100}$ feet, two hundred fifty-two and $\frac{77}{100}$ feet and fifteen and $\frac{97}{100}$ feet; northwest by other land supposed to belong to said Coleman and Lyons, by land supposed to belong to the F. P. Robinson Company, to Fred P. Robinson, and to Andrew J. Robinson, by a right of way to Centre street, and by other land supposed to belong to said Coleman and Lyons, by five measurements, four hundred seventeen and $\frac{62}{100}$ feet, fifty feet, fifty feet, forty-one and $\frac{18}{100}$ feet, and four hundred eighty-three and $\frac{35}{100}$ feet; northeast by Bellevue street, by five measurements, one hundred sixty-six and $\frac{44}{100}$ feet, one hundred forty and $\frac{34}{100}$ feet, one hundred eighty-six and $\frac{78}{100}$ feet, eighty-four and $\frac{43}{100}$ feet, and, on a curve of two hundred forty feet radius, twenty-eight and $\frac{70}{100}$ feet; and southeast by a street forty feet wide, leading from Bellevue street to Lagrange street, seven hundred sixty-two and $\frac{64}{100}$ feet; containing four hundred and seventy thousand and forty-two square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan dated November 25, 1896, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in this office.

City of Boston,
by, (signed) E. C. Hodges
" Laban Pratt
" Charles E. Stratton

The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

A report was received from Acting Superintendent [illegible] that it will be impracticable to provide for skating at [illegible] [illegible] Beach, and a report to that effect was sent to the Mayor, in answer to the order of the City Council with reference to the matter.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, [illegible]

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs [illegible], [illegible], Eliot and Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported that he had opened golf links at Franklin Park [illegible] under the charge of Willie Campbell, as green keeper, who has been paid three dollars per day out of the proceeds of the sale of tickets. The Chairman further stated that he had opened the golf links at the solicitation of golf players who desired to play there [illegible] in winter. Under the present arrangement Campbell will take charge for what he can make out of it, the balance of $27.06 on hand being retained for the purchase of redeeming tickets sold during the summer and not used. Voted, that the action of the Chairman be approved.

[illegible] of [illegible] of [illegible] for playgrounds from John C. [illegible] with bills for services were received and laid over.

An order of the Common Council requesting the flooding of Wood Island Park for skating, with report from C. E. Putnam, was received and placed on file.

A request of the South Boston [illegible] Club for a modification of the agreement made with the City regarding the provision for a site on the Strandway for its club house, was received and laid over.

A communication from Josiah H. Quincy, Chairman West Roxbury Citizens' Association Committee on Playground, December 21, 1896. requesting that a portion of Billings' Field be flooded for skating was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The proposition of A. Davis Weld to settle land damages, West Roxbury Parkway, was taken from the table and placed on file and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board has given careful consideration to the statements contained in his letter of December 1st, and while it cannot agree to leave the matter to arbitration, as he suggests, it is disposed to make the personal inspection of the land which he desires, but owing to the lateness of the season, this will have to be deferred until spring.

The communication from the Landscape Architects on proposed rectification of the West Roxbury Parkway boundaries, was taken from the table and it was

Voted, to authorize the City Engineer to make the survey required by the Landscape Architects.

The request of Henry Saxton Adams that provision for tobogganing be made in Franklin Park was taken from the table and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Putnam submitted his estimate of the amount required to maintain the parks during the next financial year amounting to one hundred fifty thousand eight hundred sixty-five dollars and the Chairman was authorized to submit the same to the City Auditor with request for an appropriation of said amount.

Messrs. Shaw and Bowditch representing the owners of land corner of Charlesgate East and Commonwealth avenue came before the Board with alternative sketches of a building proposed to be erected on the site. Mr. Shaw stated that the restriction as to height of buildings on Commonwealth avenue prevented the embellishment of the proposed structure with a suitable roof which would add to its architectural effect and suggested that the restriction be amended to permit the erection of roofs beyond the seventy foot limit. The matter was taken under consideration and the Secretary was directed to confer with the Corporation Counsel regarding the matter.

Voted, that the rules relating to the rate of speed at which an animal or vehicle may be ridden or driven in the Public Parks, pleasure grounds and boulevards, adopted [illegible] and amended November 27, 1896, be further amended, so far as they relate to Commonwealth avenue, by substituting the word "eight" for the word "ten".

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. G. H. Williams and others who have applied to purchase land on Seaver street that the Board has decided to offer the land to the abutters at one dollar per foot, provided the purchasers hold their lands subject to the restrictions which apply to parkway frontages excepting that the set back shall be [illegible] of twenty-five feet.

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Boston, December 28, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present [illegible] Messrs. Jackson, Howe, Putnam, Eliot and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report of the [illegible] regarding the practicability of establishing a stone crushing plant in [illegible] Commonwealth avenue, was received and laid on file.

Mr. Putnam also submitted a report [illegible] while on duty, and

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a request was transmitted to the Mayor for a hearing under Chapter 519 of the Acts of 1894 to effect his discharge.

A petition, referred to this Board by the Mayor, requesting that the field corner Sixth and L streets, South Boston, be flooded for skating, was received and referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor that, the field being private property, no action could be taken unless possession were obtained by a lease which would be a matter for the City Council to determine.

A report of the Superintendent of Streets on alleged nuisance caused by defective sewerage in Fisher avenue was received and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the report to the Haward Improvement Association.

A request of the Boston Cricket Club for renewal of privilege of grounds at Franklin Field for playing cricket and tennis, was received and it was

Voted, that the permission heretofore granted the Boston Cricket Club to use grounds at Franklin Field for cricket and tennis, be extended for the season of 1897.

An application of James McGregor for position of Superintendent of Parks was received and placed on file.

Joseph H. Hendrie came before the Board with reference to his request for abatement of one-half the compensation required to be paid by him for occupancy of the Overlook building, Franklin Park. Mr. Hendrie stated that the unfavorable season and the opening of the refectory had made the business unprofitable and, considering these circumstances, he felt that he ought to be relieved from further payment. He submitted a statement of receipts and expenses in support of his application and asked that improvements be made in the floor and the water supply. The Secretary was directed to notify them that the Board [illegible] it [illegible] to [illegible] agreement [illegible] a deduction of an equal amount from next season's rent. It was also

Voted, that [illegible] be permitted to place a temporary building on Franklin Field for the sale of refreshments, the structure and location to be satisfactory to the Superintendent.

Commissioner Morrill was before the Board with regard to the request of the [illegible] Yacht Club for a modification of the agreement made with the City providing for a site on the Strandway for its club house. Commissioner Morrill stated that the club desired to build a new club house instead of moving the old one which was provided for in the agreement. He said they could not raise the money to build a new house owing to the short term allowed for occupancy of the site under the present agreement. The proposition they desired to make was that the term be extended to twenty five years, the City to be relieved of its obligation to move the present club house to the new site, which would save the City three or four thousand dollars. The Commissioners stated that they would consider the matter and if the agreement could be modified in the manner desired by the club they would be inclined to allow occupancy, free of rent, for the term the [illegible] Yacht Club is allowed to occupy its site with a provision that the Club buildings revert to the City at the end of the term, the Club to make repairs and keep the buildings insured.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Commiss-

Commonwealth Yacht Club that the Board has seen

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no occasion to revoke its action of December 11 1895, granting the location on the Strandway to the Commonwealth Yacht Club, regarding which a hearing was given the Club on November 2, 1896, and the Board is not contemplating such action, but is now considering the terms and conditions upon which it will permit the Club to occupy the site already granted.

Mr. Eliot submitted a grading plan for south-east portion of the Parkway at the Arnold Arboretum, approved by Professor Sargent, and the plan was referred to the Engineer to be considered as a part of the contract with [illegible] [illegible], so far as the amount of material to be moved by said contract requires.

Voted, that the office of Assistant Landscape Gardener be abolished, and that the Secretary notify Mr. Fischer that his services will not be required after January 1, 1897.

Mr. John J. Coleman came before the Board with reference to the land taken for the West Roxbury Playground. Mr. Coleman stated that he had held the land for five or six years and at the solicitation of the residents in the neighborhood he had offered to sell the City about 600,000 sq. ft. of land at 8¢ per foot, which was the basis upon which the appropriation of $48,000. was asked for by the Citizens' Association. This was cut down by the City Council to $20,000 with the understanding that a much smaller area would be taken. He said that at hearings given by a committee of the City Council, Messrs Morris and Brown, of the Citizens' Association said the price was a fair one and some thought it worth more. By deepening the brook and expending five or ten thousand dollars on grading, etc. it would be worth 15 to 15 cents per foot. The Commissioners replied that the appropriation would not admit of their paying more than [illegible] can be paid.

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Boston, January 4, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Putnam, Pettigrew and F. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted reports on the administration of the parks with reference to the maintenance and care of the plantations; also upon the [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] buildings

Voted, that the Secretary reissue for [illegible] the [illegible] permits to make excavations, which had heretofore been issued.

A notice from the Superintendent of Streets relating to charges to be made for permits issued from said department, was received and placed on file.

An application of William F. Heldt to sharpen, sell and let skates at Wood Island Park, was received and, on recommendation of Mr. Putnam, the Secretary was directed to issue a permit.

An application was received from William [illegible] Fischer for the position of assistant to the Superintendent, or [illegible] position, which was referred to the Superintendent.

Mr Putnam stated that Mr. [illegible] Fischer continued to occupy the house at Franklin Park and was using coal and hay which had been supplied by the department. The man who was employed in the stable had [illegible] with him [illegible]
[illegible]

January 4, 1897. The engineer submitted plans of sea wall to be erected on the westerly side of North End Beach which were approved and the engineer was authorized to advertise for bids to be received January 18th.

The Chairman was authorized to apply to the Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to build pier and filling structures in accordance with the plans prepared by the City engineer.

Voted, that J. A. Pettigrew be appointed Superintendent of Parks to take effect January 4th, at a salary of thirty-six hundred dollars per annum, and that Acting Superintendent C. E. Putnam resume his former position and pay, to take effect January 8th.

Messrs. George H. Williams and Anthony J. Hurd came before the Board regarding the proposition of the Board to sell land on Beacon street to adjacent owners for one dollar per square foot subject to restrictions. Mr. Hurd for himself and Miss Cole objected to paying more than seventy cents per foot. Mr. Williams stated that he would pay seventy-five cents per foot. The matter was laid over to allow Mr. Hurd to confer with Miss Cole to see if an agreement could be effected on the basis of Mr. Williams offer.

A communication was received from Marcus M. Smith declining the proposition of the Board to sell land on Beacon street for one dollar per foot and withdrawing the offer of fifty cents per foot contained in his letter of June 9, 1896.

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Boston, January 5, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office at 2 P.M. Present

Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. Howe, Putnam, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

Conferences were held with L. E. Dow and James Dooling regarding the terms and conditions of their occupancy of the refectories at Marine Park and Franklin Park respectively and a memorandum of agreement was drawn up for future consideration.

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Boston, January 11, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. Jackson, Howe, Putnam, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting and of special meeting of January 5th were read and approved.

A request of Mr. Charles H. Dalton that the Board give some attention to the condition and plantations of Commonwealth avenue as soon as the season will permit; also communications from the Superintendent of Streets requesting information regarding the jurisdiction of this Board over certain land in Prince street, between Hanover and Salem streets, and an unoccupied building corner Charter street and Lime alley; from P. E. O'Rourke requesting that a portion of the North End Park be flooded for skating for the benefit of the children in that vicinity, and from Capt. A. Marshall requesting a permit for teaching bicycle riding on the Back Bay Fens, were referred to the Secretary for reply.

Mr. Putnam submitted a letter from O. J. [illegible] objecting to receiving half pay for his services at North End Park since he was devoting more hours to the work than during the summer.

January 11, 1897. Mr. [illegible] reported that after the Franklin Park gymnasium had closed he had retained Mr. Finneran on half pay as directed by the Board. After consideration by the Board the [illegible] was placed on file.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Hurd and Miss Cole had concluded not to buy the land on Seaver street opposite their estates and had so notified him; but that Mr. Williams still desired to purchase the lots adjoining his land for seventy-five cents per foot, subject to restrictions. It was thereupon

Voted, that the offer of George H. Williams to purchase three parcels of land situated on the northeasterly side of Seaver street, adjoining Franklin Park, containing respectively ten hundred thirty-two square feet, five hundred sixty-four square feet and six hundred seventy-four square feet, at seventy-five cents per square foot, and for an agreement that his land within one hundred feet from Seaver street subject to the usual parkway restrictions, except that the reserved space shall be twenty instead of twenty-five feet, be accepted and that the Law Department be requested to prepare the papers to transfer said land in accordance with the provisions of chapter 411 of the acts of 1896.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to assign grounds to the Zingari Cricket Club to play cricket at Franklin Field during the summer season of 1897, and to permit the erection of a temporary building by said club for use as a dressing room.

A conference was held with the Mayor and Mr. Sturgis regarding the plans for administration building and bath house at North End Beach. Mr. Sturgis stated that Professor Chandler recommended the substitution of plaster for wood in the outside treatment of the bathhouse which would add about one thousand dollars to the expense, and it was

Voted, that the architect be authorized to change the plans in accordance with said suggestion.

Mr. Sturgis was requested to confer with Mr. Cottle, chief of the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department, regarding a lighting plant and the City Engineer was directed to make borings to ascertain whether it would be necessary to pile for the foundations of the administration building.

At the request of the Mayor in order to enable him to attend the meetings of the Board with greater convenience, it was,

Voted, that until further notice the regular meetings of the Board be held on Tuesdays at 2 o'clock.

The Secretary was directed to notify the various yacht clubs which had applied for locations on the Strandway that the Law Department informs the Board that the Board cannot, without authority of the Legislature, give a lease or license to a yacht club to occupy a lot on the Strandway for a fixed term which would enable the club to build thereon with safety or assurance of undisturbed possession.

The Secretary was also directed to notify James Doonan that the plans for the proposed change of location and grading of the drive on the north side of Peters Hill, at the Arnold Arboretum, have been approved, and that his agreement of November 10th in relation thereto has been accepted. Also that the Board has approved a grading plan for the southeast portion of the drive, which has been referred to the Engineer to be considered as a part of the contract so far as

January 11, 1897 the amount of material to be moved by said contract requires.

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Boston, January 18, 1897.

The following bids for building a wall on the westerly dock at North End Beach were received by the Chairman, publicly opened and read and taken under advisement.

William R. Miller	Boston,	$8,243.00
John F. O'Brien	No. Cambdg.	8,723.40
W. H. Ellis & Co.	Boston	8,965.00
Perkins & White	"	9,200.00
Edward Lynch & Co.	"	10,480.00
Charles A. Trumbull	"	10,567.00
John Sutherland	"	10,995.00
W. H. Ryan	"	11,375.00
C. A. & G. A. Trumbull	"	11,476.00

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Boston, January 19, 1897.

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Mr. Jackson submitted plans for piers at North End Beach and it was

Voted, that the plans be approved, the Engineer to advertise for bids immediately upon the granting of a license by the Harbor and Land Commissioners.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report recommending the appointment of H. J. Koehler for the position of Florist at a salary of one hundred dollars per month, and it was,

Voted, that it is the sense of the Board that the Superintendent should make the appointment, provided the position does not come within the Civil Service rules.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects recommending that the Board give an order requiring the Division to provide at Marine Park at least twelve sail boats of various sizes, and the Secretary was directed to invite the Division to come before the Board at its next meeting

A communication from [illegible] in reply to the request of the Board for more specific details relating to complaints against the inspectors of the work on the Strandway, was received and placed on file to be considered after the completion of the works.

Voted, that the contract for building wall on westerly dock at the public pleasure ground at the North End be awarded to William L. Miller and the amount of bonds required be fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars.

A proposal of [illegible] to do the grading at the First or M Street playground, South Boston, for 20¢ per cubic yard was received. The Mayor stated that he desired the Board to do this work in connection with the work for removing the loam and that he would approve of the contract being made without advertising. It was thereupon

Voted, to accept the proposal.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting a report as to advisability of constructing the proposed Strandway to a width sufficient to allow the use of that part from Old Harbor to O street as a speedway, was received and referred to the Landscape Architects for report.

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An order of the Common Council requesting the erection of foot bridges across the brook at entrances to Franklin Field from Birch and Lyons streets, also that benches be placed at said entrances for the use of skaters was received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

An order of the Common Council requesting information as to terms and conditions of lease of the Head House, Marine Park, also prices charged for spray and salt water baths, was received and laid on the table.

A copy of the record of the President and Fellows of Harvard College approving the rules for the government of the Arnold Arboretum was received and placed on file and it was,

Voted, that all rules adopted prior to August 24, 1896, be rescinded except the rules for the use and government of the gymnasia and children's playground.

A petition from owners of estates abutting on the Arborway and adjacent thereto, requesting that the portion of the Arborway lying between Jamaica Pond and Forest Hills station be completed during the coming summer, also letter from Edward M. Brewer relating thereto was received and placed on file and the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Brewer that the matter will receive due consideration.

The Secretary was directed to request the Law Department to bring suit against Eugene Tompkins and William J. Parker, bondsmen under the contract with Max Bachmann for sgraffito work at the Head House, Marine Park, and to notify the said bondsmen and Mr. Wheelwright of this intention.

P. J. Finneran, superintendent of the gymnasium at Wood Island Park, sent in his resignation, which was accepted by the Board to take effect on Saturday, January 23d.

On request of the Mayor that this department assume charge of the ice on the Public Garden pond to keep it in condition for skating, the cost to be covered by a transfer at the end of the year, it was Voted, to instruct the Superintendent to do said work.

Mr. John C. Cobb came before the Board to report upon the proposed location of a playground on Gilman's wharf, Charlestown. Mr. Cobb estimated the value of the wharf at thirty-seven thousand dollars or thirty-eight thousand dollars. Various locations were discussed and the Mayor stated that he would relieve the Board of further investigation of the matter at present.

Mr. Olmsted submitted preliminary sketches for field house and gymnasia at Franklin Field, which were discussed with the Mayor and taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 26, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its Office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton, also the Mayor and Messrs. Jackson, Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A conference was held with Mr. Sheldon with reference to supplying twelve sail-boats for the boat service at Marine Park, as recommended by Mr. Olmsted.

Mr. Sheldon stated that he would make arrangements to build the boats at once and stated that parties hiring them might have the option of hiring a sailing master or not as their experience or ability to handle the boats might require.

It was thereupon

Voted, that Mr. Sheldon be requested to provide, for the boat service at Marine Park, at least twelve

January 26 1897. sail boats of various sizes, each one of which is to be built especially for the purpose and be so designed and constructed as to be non-sinkable and non-capsizable, so far as possible, said boats to be let with or without sailing masters as persons hiring them may desire.

Mr. Sheldon stated that he had engaged a competent man for superintendent and that the service would be properly looked after the coming year, but that until boat storage houses are provided by the department it will be impossible to keep the boats up to a high standard. The Commissioners said they would give the matter early consideration and authorized the Landscape Architects to confer with Messrs Wales and Holt regarding the preparation of plans for the boat storage house at Jamaica Park.

Mr. T. L. Connolly came before the Board and asked that the plan for the improvement of the Fellows street playground be made to include a small running track of thirteen laps to the mile, six or eight feet wide. The Board took the matter under consideration.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a preliminary plan for M. street playground and, at the suggestion of the Mayor, the plan was referred to Mr. Olmsted to confer with him and the City Council members for that district at the Mayor's office on Thursday with reference to the question of establishing a gymnasium on this ground.

Mr. Olmsted also submitted a diagram showing proposed accommodations in the Field House to be erected at Franklin Field. The plan was referred to the Architects' Division of the Public Buildings Department for an estimate of the cost.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a request of a Committee of [illegible] of a proposed skating carnival to take place at Wood Island Park on or about the 28th inst., and stated that he had made inquiries which satisfied him that they would give a respectable entertainment. The matter was, thereupon, referred to the Superintendent with full power.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that he had built a temporary bridge at Lyons street, as requested in the order of the City Council referred to him, and that a similar bridge could be built at First street if a right of way across private property were secured at that place which Councilman Harvey will endeavor to secure. The report and order were placed on file.

A communication was received from Jones and Meehan making a claim for extra cost of piling over the allowance made by the Engineers in their monthly estimates, and asking that it be considered at this time and some conclusion arrived at for the future. Mr. Howe reported that the average length of piles used is 35.8 feet, which is not excessive. The letter was, thereupon, placed on file to be considered on the termination of the contract.

An order of the City Council requesting that Mr. Kitson, sculptor for statue of Admiral Farragut, be required to cut the inscription "Farragut" upon the base of said statue in accordance with his contract, was received and placed on file, the contractors for the masonry having agreed to do the work.

An order of the City Council requesting a report on the date of purchase of Wood Island Park and of other land for park purposes since that date; the amount of money expended on Wood Island Park, also on land purchased since the purchase of Wood Island; and cause of delay in the completion of the work of constructing Wood Island Park; also Common Council order requesting estimate of expense of

January 26, 1897. providing additional electric lights at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The applications of William H. Corey and John H. Clausen for the position of superintendent of the Wood Island Park Gymnasium were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Thos. D. Grant requesting permit for David Flynn to sell sandwiches at Leverett Pond, during the skating season, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested.

An application of J. R. Heard for permission to erect a pavilion for the sale of refreshments on Perkins street, Jamaica Park, was received and laid on the table.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 27, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A. M. Present Messrs. Hodges, Pratt and Stratton, and Superintendent Pettigrew.

Arrangements for consolidating all the offices of the department in the building at Pine Bank were considered and the matter was referred to Messrs Wheelwright and Haven, architects of the building, to prepare plans and specifications preliminary to securing bids for making the changes necessary to make the building convenient for such occupancy.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 2, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, also present the Mayor and Messrs Jackson, Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for administration and bath house buildings at North End Beach were received and opened:

	Buildings	Piling	Fence &c.	Total
Gerry and Northup	$28,472.00	3500.	825.	$32,797.00
Charles Logue	22,273.40	2995.	673.	25,941.40
John J. Mainland	30,493.00	3100.	947.	34,540.00
William T. Eaton	23,645.00	3503.	919.	28,067.00

The bids of Charles Logue and William T. Eaton were rejected as they did not include plumbing, and the contract was awarded to Gerry and Northup, the amount of bond required being fixed at ten thousand dollars.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a sketch plan for Abbotswood Cottage and it was

Voted, to submit the plan, with that for the Field House at Franklin Field, to three architects, to be selected by the Board, and invite them to submit competitive plans.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting an estimate of cost of widening and extending the Strandway, from Cottage street to Blue Hill aven was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive circulars No. 12 and 13, relating to the insertion of notices and advertisements in the newspaper publishing the City Council proceedings, also requesting that monthly bills be submitted on or before the fifteenth day of the month, were received and placed on file.

A notice from the Civil Service Commission

February 2, 1897. of new rules extending the civil service classification, to go into effect February 15th, and request for a list of persons employed in the positions named, was received and referred to the Superintendent to furnish the information desired.

The application of James G. Smith for position of superintendent of Wood Island Park gymnasium was received and referred to the Superintendent for consideration, together with the other applications received.

A request of W. E. Sheldon for permit to sell refreshments at Leverett and Jamaica ponds, City Point and Castle Island landings and the North End Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with McHale and [illegible] for walls on St. Martin street, Charlestown, with such deduction for work not done as may be satisfactory to the Engineer.

A communication from Henry L. Higginson calling attention to the slovenly work of the gas men on Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Jackson submitted the complete plans for piers at North End Beach, and it was

Voted, to advertise for bids to be received February 16th.

After consultation with the Mayor it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to petition the General Court for such legislation as will enable the Park Commissioners to [illegible] park police with all the powers of police officers of the City of Boston, in and about the public parks; also for legislation relating to the frontage of the land near adjoining [illegible] parkways, also for legislation relating to the building line and height of buildings on parkways, boulevards and parks, and for legislation relating to the use of parklands for boating, skating and other purposes.

Mr. E. M. Wheelwright came before the Board with sketches for alterations at Pine Bank House to make it suitable for department headquarters. Mr. Wheelwright estimated the cost of carpenter work at fifteen hundred dollars and of mason work including the vault at one thousand dollars. The plans were approved and Mr. Wheelwright was requested to procure bids at once for doing the work.

Geo. F. Clarke.

Boston, February 15, 1897.

A Special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

Mr. Ahl submitted a deed of the Paris street Gymnasium at East Boston, presented to the City by Esther P. Ahl and accepted by the City Council. The matter was laid over until a conference regarding it could be held with the Mayor.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a preliminary plan for laying out the lot of land [illegible] to be used for a playground at the junction of [illegible] avenue and [illegible] street.

Mr. Olmsted also submitted a sketch plan for administration building at the Back Bay Fens.

A communication from Arthur A. Wordell suggesting that the Board provide in the different parks covered sand courts for the use of children during the summer months, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Mr. Sturgis came before the Board with reference to the contract for administration Building and

February 12, 1897. Bathhouse at North End Beach. Mr Sturgis recommended that copper flashing be substituted for zinc at a cost of two hundred dollars and it was Voted, to authorize the architect to order the change [illegible].

Mr. George C. Wales submitted plans and specifications for boat storage house at Pine Bank Cove, Jamaica Pond, which were approved and the architects were authorized to advertise for bids. Subsequently the vote was reconsidered and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 16, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]. Also present Messrs Jackson, [illegible], [illegible] and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting also special meeting of February 12th were read and approved.

The Mayor conferred with the Board regarding a site for a playground in Ward 3, Charlestown. The Mayor stated that Adams Wharf owned by the Boston and Maine Railroad containing 90,000 square feet could be bought for fifty-six thousand dollars perhaps less. Gilman's Wharf containing about forty-five thousand square feet could be bought for forty thousand dollars. The Board expressed the opinion that the railroad property was the better location for playground purposes, and that, provided an appropriation is made, the Board would favor the [illegible].

Voted that the [illegible] of [illegible], of land and buildings on [illegible] street, East Boston, to the City of Boston to be used as a gymnasium or for bathhouse purposes, be accepted subject to the conditions therein contained.

Voted, that the Superintendent make arrangements to assume charge of the gymnasium after the deed is recorded.

Taking of a small parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston to straighten the boundary line between the land in the North End park and the North Paving Wharf, was made as follows:

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston in further exercise of the authority conferred upon it by chapter 282 of the acts of the year 1893, and in order to more particularly define the westerly boundary line of the first described parcel of land taken by the act of this Board passed December 7, 1893, does hereby take for a park or playground the following described parcel of land situated within the limits of Ward six of said city, and being, together with the land heretofore taken as aforesaid, of an assessed value not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars; namely, all the land, dock, and wharf lying between the wharf referred to in said prior taking as Bartlett's North Wharf and a line described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northeast line of Commercial street at the southerly end of the present division line between land of the City of Boston taken by an act of this Board passed December 7, 1893, and land of said City known as the North Paving Wharf, said point being distant three hundred forty-two 48/100 feet northwesterly from an angle in said line of said street, and from said point of beginning, running northeasterly at an angle of 90° 16' 11" with said line of said street by said present division line, and by a line in continuation

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thereof one hundred eighty-three 77/100 feet; thence turning at a right angle and running northwesterly ten feet; thence turning at a right angle and running northeasterly one hundred forty-seven 55/100 feet to said present division line; thence turning and running a little more northerly by said present division line to the Harbor Commissioners' line in Boston Harbor; said parcel being shown on a plan signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated January 23, 1897, a copy whereof is to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

The City of Boston
By (signed) E. C. Hodges
" Laban Pratt
" Charles E. Stratton.
The Board of Park Commissioners of said city.

Mr Pettigrew submitted a report on the request of W. E. Sheldon for the privilege of selling refreshments at Marine Park, Castle Island, and Jamaica Park, recommending that the concession be granted under certain conditions and it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit to William E. Sheldon to sell refreshments at Marine Park, Castle Island, and Jamaica Park, subject to the control of the Superintendent in all respects as to the particular locations and manner of conducting said business.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a list of nursery stock, which he recommended should be purchased, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase nursery stock recommended by him in his letter of this date, at an estimated expense of five hundred fifteen dollars.

Five bids were received from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver for plumbing required for carriage sheds, Franklin Park, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Architects relative to a change in the plans.

A request of the New England Telegraph and Telephone Co. for permission to place and temporarily maintain, at the Public Park, North End, two poles for the service of the City North Paving Yard, was received and permission refused. Subsequently the matter was reconsidered and laid over, and the Secretary was directed to inquire of the Street Department whether the granting of the request would be an accommodation to that department.

A proposition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to furnish electric current for the North End Administration Building at 25 % discount, was received and placed on file.

Estimates for changes in Pine Bank House from Wheelwright and Haven were received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of Josiah H. Quincy that the Board prepare a plan and estimate of cost of laying out Billings Field as a playground, to aid him in securing an appropriation therefor; also calling attention to a vote of the West Roxbury Citizens' Association, requesting that a roadway be built through the West Roxbury Parkway this year, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from [illegible], requesting that more than fifty per cent. abatement of betterment on estate corner Pond and Orchard streets, be allowed, was received and laid over.

A request of Georgiana B. Pattee that the Board purchase her remaining land on K street at the assessed valuation, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A petition from citizens of East Boston, recom-

February 16, 1897. mending Professor William H. Corey for position of Superintendent of Wood Island Park Gymnasium, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The estimate of the cost of the proposed Field House at Franklin Field, amounting to twenty two thousand fifty dollars, was received from the Architects Division of the Public Buildings Department and placed on file.

The following bids for building two wooden piers at North End Beach were received and opened.

Alexander McGinnis	of Boston	$31,690.35
William H. Ryan	″	34,273.00
Benjamin Young	″	35,385.00
William L. Miller	″	38,869.00
J. N. Hayes & Co.	″	40,000.00
Charles A. Trumbull	″	43,590.00
Thomas E. Ruggles	″	64,000.00

The contract was awarded to Alexander McGinnis and the amount of bonds required was fixed at ten thousand dollars.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report upon the communication from [illegible] Wordell, regarding the placing of sand courts in the Public Parks and the Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Wordell and send him a copy of the Superintendents report.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a sketch plan for sheep fold which was referred to the Architects Division of the Public Buildings Department for an estimate of cost.

It was

Voted, to approve the plans for the Boat Storage House at Pine Bank Cove, Jamaica Park and to authorize the Architects to advertise for bids to be received March 2nd.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, February 19, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson and Howe and Messrs Sargent and Lincoln of the Brookline Park Commissioners, James M. Codman and counsel C. A. Williams of Brookline.

The terms of the proposed bill for the construction of the Longwood avenue bridge as petitioned for by the town of Brookline and now before the Legislature were approved in its essential features, the Park Commissioners of Brookline agreeing to include the steps and approaches thereto to be made on the Boston side of the bridge as a part of the expense thereof. It was also

Voted, to authorize the engineer for the town of Brookline to supervise the work and apportion the expense equally between the city and town.

Geo. F. Clark,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 23, 1897

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

A conference was held with the Mayor regarding playgrounds in Charlestown and South Boston. The Mayor stated that the Boston and Maine Railroad Company would sell Adams' wharf for fifty thousand dollars and that he had agreed to take it subject to an appropriation being made by the City Council.

An estimate of the cost of building the sheepfold at Franklin Park, amounting to eleven thous-

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and one hundred fifty dollars, was received from the Public Buildings' Department and it was

Voted, to authorize the Architects Division of the Public Buildings' Department to prepare plans and estimates preparatory to advertising for bids.

A communication from the Assistant Engineer of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company requesting that an agreement be made relative to the payment by the City for the bridge over the Providence Division at Forest Hills, was received and referred to the City Engineer to confer with the railroad company and report what amount, in his opinion, the City ought to pay.

Bids for furnishing plant for the Administration Building at North End Beach, were received and referred to the Architects for report.

An order of the City Council, requesting a report as to when the North End Pier will be completed and in readiness for public use was received and a report thereon was made to the Mayor.

Messrs Wales and Holt, Perkins and Betton and E. M. A. Machado, the architects chosen to submit sketches for Abbottswood Cottage, Franklin Park, and Field House, Franklin Field submitted plans and estimates which after discussion were laid over for consideration at a special meeting to be held on Friday, February 26th.

The Chairman was authorized to make arrangement with Willie Campbell to take charge of the golf links for the season of 1897, the fees to be applied to the care of the grounds and superintendence as in 1896.

The Secretary was directed to advertise the usual notice to owners of horses, the driving by lot to take place March 8th., at 12 o'clock.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase nursery stock in accordance with his letter of February 23rd. at an estimated expense of seven hundred dollars.

Contracts for work at Pine Bank House with O. H. Drisko & Son and C. A. Dodge & Co. amounting respectively to eleven hundred thirty-five dollars and nine hundred eighty-three dollars were received and signed by the Board.

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to place and maintain until May 1st., 1897. two poles at North End Beach for the service of the North Paving Yard of the City.

Messrs Hartwell Richardson and Driver submitted revised bids for plumbing for carriage sheds at Franklin Park, as follows:

James Tucker & Sons	$243.00
J. N. Tucker	297.00
William Lumb & Co	383.00

The bids were laid over pending an inquiry as to including a horse trough in the work to be done.

The communication from the Superintendent recommending the purchase of a chemical fertilizer for use in the public parks was taken from the table. Mr. Pettigrew submitted a new recommendation in relation to the fertilization which was adopted.

Adjourned to March 2nd. at 2 P. M.

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Boston, February 26, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Mr. J. C. Olmsted and the Mayor.

The Board considered plans for building Abbottswood Cottage at Franklin Park and the Field House at Franklin Field. On the suggestion of the Mayor the matter was laid over in order to enable Professor Chandler, Supervising Architect to the Public Buildings Department to examine the plans and report to the Board.

Geo. F. Clark,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 2nd 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting also special meetings of February 19th and February 26th were read and approved

The following bids for building a boat storage house at Pine Bank Co., Jamaica Park, were received, opened and taken under advisement:

Miller and Ladd,	Boston,	$5,618.
O'Connell and Furbush,	"	5,883.
J. M. E. Morrill	"	5,894.
William T. Eaton	"	6,401.
John McNamara & Sons	"	6,600.
Frame & McPherson	"	6,643.
Lawler Brothers	"	6,700.
G. A. Carhill	"	7,725.

The competitive plans for Abbottswood Cottage and Franklin Field House were considered, Professor

Francis W. Chandler being present to give his views on the comparative merit of the designs submitted. Professor Chandler reported in favor of Mr. Machado's sketch for Abbotswood Cottage and Peters and Bettons sketch for the Field House.

Preliminary to the vote being taken to accept the designs, Mr. [illegible] stated that he desired to go on record as favoring the matter of economy of design as a factor in the competition, and that if a decision should take into account the qualities of utility, architectural attractiveness, and cost, Mr. Machardo's design should be accepted for both of the buildings. It was thereupon

Voted, that Mr. Machardo's design for Abbotswood Cottage and Peters and Bettons' design for field House, Franklin Field, be accepted subject to the approval of final sketches by Professor Francis W. Chandler, and that the architects be requested to confer with Professor Chandler with reference to such changes of plan and methods of construction as may be considered desirable and submit said final sketches for approval of the Board.

Hon. Joseph H. Maccabe and Leonard B. Ahl conferred with the Board regarding the management of the East Boston gymnasium, and at their suggestion it was

Voted, that Leonard B. Ahl, Joseph H. Maccabe, [illegible] Crockin, Thomas J. Kenny, T. H. Flanagan and [illegible] be invited to act as an Advisory Board for the East Boston Gymnasium.

Senator Maccabe also spoke in behalf of Mr. Finneran who had lately been in charge as instructor. He said that Mr. Finneran is an athlete of good standing, and although

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not so competent for in-door work he had no superior as an instructor for an outdoor gymnasium.

A communication was received from the Law Department stating that Lottie E. Brown's title to land at Neponset seemed good enough to justify a settlement with her as owner, and it was

Voted, that whereas by an order of the Board passed December 14, 1896, sundry parcels of land in Dorchester were taken for a playground, whereof a certain parcel of land containing twenty-five thousand square feet belonged to Lottie E. Brown, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said Lottie E. Brown the sum of one hundred dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Neponset Playground.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised plan for Administration Building for the Back Bay Fens, also preliminary plan for Steading at Franklin Park. The latter plan was referred to the Public Building Department for an estimate of cost.

Report from the Landscape Architects on the drawings submitted by architects for [illegible] Cottage and Franklin Field House, was received and placed on file.

Approximate estimates of the cost of work desirable to be done in 1897, were submitted by Mr. Howe, and the Secretary was directed to prepare a statement of the balance of the appropriation for park construction, including all liabilities to date.

Mr. Sturgis reported on the bids for laundry machinery for the Refectory Building, Franklin Park, requesting time for further investigation, and submitted bids for heating apparatus from

Lynch and Woodward	$795.00
Ingalls and Kendricken	850.00
A. B. Franklin	1162.00

An order of the City Council transferring the playground at M. street, between First and Second streets, South Boston, together with the appropriation of Five thousand dollars therefor, from the Public Grounds Department to this Department was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, March 9, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

A conference was held with J. J. Flynn regarding the amount claimed by him for extra work under his contract for refectory building at Franklin Park. Mr. Hartwell submitted a bill for $3,[illegible] in final payment of all amounts due under the contract which he was ready to approve. He also submitted a bill for extra heating, amounting to $751.21 and a letter from Mr. Flynn regarding the delays which caused the extra expense of heating. After some discussion the matter was laid over to enable the architects to submit the correspondence with Flynn bearing on the matter. Subsequently, at Mr. Flynn's request, the Chairman [illegible]

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the draft for three thousand six hundred and fifty-two $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted lists of trees and shrubs from various nurserymen which he recommended be purchased for the nursery. He also recommended the employment of six or eight active young men accustomed to planting, and the promotion of James B. Shea from the position of clerk to that of Foreman at a salary of five dollars per day. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase nursery stock, recommended by him in his letter of March 9th, at an estimated cost of four thousand, nine hundred and eighty dollars, also to employ additional men in the nursery department and to transfer James B. Shea from the position of clerk to that of foreman on the rolls of the Department at a salary of five dollars per day.

Mr. Pettigrew also reported that Professor Sargent offered to furnish plants from the Brookline plantations on the Riverway for five cents to thirty-five cents each. The matter was referred to Mr. Pettigrew with full power.

A communication from Assistant Engineer E. W. Howe recommending the readjustment of surface drains at North End Park on account of the foundations of the Administration building having intercepted one of the drains, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Architect's Division of the Public Buildings Department approximating the cost shown on sketch plan for Stabling at Franklin Park at Sixty-eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, was received and the matter was referred back for a division of the cost of the stable and Sheds.

A communication from F. W. Chandler relating to arrangement of staircase in Field House plans, with recommendation that the central staircase be put on the outside of the building, was received. The recommendation was adopted and the Secretary was directed to notify the architects accordingly.

Mr. Sturgis reported in writing on the bids for laundry machinery and heating apparatus for the Women's [illegible] North End [illegible], recommending the award of the contract for laundry machinery to the Crawford Laundry Machinery Company with the substitution of a metal inside cylinder for wood at a cost of one hundred and seventy-five dollars more than the original bid and the award of the heating contract to Lynch and Woodward. It was, thereupon,

Voted to award the contracts to the Crawford Laundry Machinery Company and to Lynch and Woodward, as recommended by the Architects.

Applications for refreshment privileges at Charlestown playground from sundry persons were received and permission refused.

The Board estimated the expense of taking a parcel of land at the junction of Freeport street and Neponset avenue in Dorchester, for a playground as follows:

Ellen D. Raymond 6,363 sq. ft. $4,[illegible]

and passed the following act of taking.

The City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 225 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its Board of Park Commissioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of said Boston which was

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formerly Dorchester, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said city: a parcel of land supposed to belong to Ellen D. Raymond, bounded and described as follows: east by Freeport Street one hundred forty-eight and 7/100 feet; southwest by Neponset avenue one hundred forty-three and 2/100 feet; northwest by land supposed to belong to Mary A. O'Donoghue ninety and 72/100 feet: containing six thousand two hundred and sixty-three square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan dated January 19, 1897, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in this office.

City of Boston
By E. C. Hodges
Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

A communication from Charles J. Page representing a committee of the Boston Art Club regarding a letter from H. L. Gebfert complaining of the felling of trees at Franklin Park, was read and placed on file.

Adjourned to March 16, at 2 P. M

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, March 16, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for laying out the Fellows street playground providing a running track as suggested by [illegible]. Mr. Olmsted stated that, in his opinion, the running track was not a desirable feature in so small a ground and that the ground would better be arranged for the accommodation of the smaller children without any provision for athletic exercises.

The Mayor stated that he had arranged with the Superintendent of Public Grounds to have the Park Department lay the drains, the expense to be charged to the Public Grounds Department.

At the suggestion of the Mayor it was

Voted, that the Engineer make arrangements to complete the surfacing of the [illegible] street playground with a hard gravel surface as soon as the present contracts are finished.

Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible] submitted revised plans and estimates for the Franklin Field House. The matter was laid over until the next meeting to give Professor Chandler an opportunity to look over the plans and report upon them.

A plan for proposed playground on [illegible] street, Charlestown was received from the City Engineer and referred to the Landscape Architects to prepare a plan for laying it out.

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board, passed March 9, 1897, a certain parcel of land on [illegible] street and [illegible] avenue in Dorchester, containing six thousand two hundred and sixty-three square feet, belonging to Ellen D. Raymond, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said [illegible] the sum of four thousand dollars upon her having title examined and giving a deed or release for the same, also [illegible]

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acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds, Freeport street and Neponset avenue.

Mayors circular number sixteen requesting that all city employees whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday Evacuation Day, March 17th, was received and placed on file.

A communication from L. Foster Morse, inquiring whether the Board will sell the lot of land corner Seaver street and Walnut avenue, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent recommending the removal of the temporary repair shops and sheds at Franklin Park to the Nursery, at a cost of four hundred dollars, was received and laid over.

A request of the Harvard Improvement Association for a sanitary building at Franklin Field was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association extending an invitation to the Board to be present at the last evening of the winter classes at Charlesbank, March 29th, also inquiring whether it is the desire of the Board to continue the usual arrangements for the summer work and date of opening, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The application of Joseph L. Doherty for position of assistant instructor at Wood Island gymnasium, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised plan for the men's bathhouse at North End Beach and it was Voted, to refer the plan to Mr. R. C. Sturgis to prepare detailed plans and specifications. The Mayor stated that he concurred in said reference.

Mr. Olmsted also submitted a sketch plan for the North Division of Boston [illegible] playing ground, which was referred to the Engineer to prepare a plan for taking the additional land recommended by Mr. Olmsted.

Hon. Nathan Matthews Jr. came before the Board and advocated the opening of a road in the West Roxbury Parkway between Central station and Mount Bellevue. He stated that this section was more in the line of local improvement than the part between the Arboretum and Central station and its early development would much better accommodate the public.

A communication was received from Olmsted Olmsted and Eliot regarding the suggestion that a strip of turf with trees be interposed between the drives and bridle path in the Arborway stating that they regard it as an undesirable departure from the adopted plans and requesting that they be permitted to file a report in the matter before action is taken. The communication was placed on file.

Mr. Stratton submitted an estimate of the cost of completing the Arborway from Centre street to the railroad bridge including traffic road, walks, plantations and extension of wall to South street, amounting in the aggregate to $26,458, and suggested that the Superintendent be authorized to procure the loam required for the slopes so that they can be planted when the season opens. It was thereupon Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized

March 16, 1897 to procure the loam for the slopes of the Arborway opposite the Arboretum and to plant them as soon as the season will admit.

Mr. Howe's recommendation for a relocation of the drain at the North End Beach was taken up and it was

Voted, to authorize the Superintendent to change the direction of the drain as recommended by the Engineer, and build the sewer required to drain the administration building and bathhouse.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 23, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton.

A conference was held with the Mayor, the City Engineer, the Corporation Counsel, Chairman Dore of the Street Commissioners, Aldermen Lott, Paige and Dean, Senator C. E. Folsom and President McCormick of the North Dorchester Improvement Association regarding the proposition to widen Columbia and Boston streets for highway and parkway purposes. The Mayor stated that he thought the improvement would be well worth what it would cost and that the only question to determine was in what manner it should be carried out, whether by the Park Commissioners or the Street Laying Out Department. After some discussion it was determined that the Street Commissioners should make plans for an avenue one hundred ten feet wide excepting for a short distance at Upham's Corner, and that the widening be made under the Board of Survey act, or a special act, the Park Commissioners to subsequently assume the cost of constructing and maintaining such part of the avenue as may be deemed desirable or necessary for a parking.

Adjourned to March 24th, at 2 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, March 24th 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present, Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs Jackson, Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for laying out a playground on Adams Wharf, Chelsea street, Charlestown, which was placed on file.

Mr. Howe submitted a plan for extending the I street sewer on the Strandway, also a proposition from Hugh Farrell to do the work for seventeen hundred and sixty-seven dollars, and it was

Voted, to authorize the engineer to have the work done at not exceeding said amount.

Reports from the Landscape Architects, on plans for boat storage at Jamaica Park, on application of J. R. Heard for the location of a refreshment and soda fountain pavilion, at Jamaica Park, on the suggested seven foot strip of turf between bridle path and drive in the Arborway, and regarding proposed laws relating to the control of streets and lands adjoining parks were received, read and placed on file.

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An order of the Common Council requesting that the privilege of letting boats at North End Beach be limited to a citizen of Boston and an order of the City Council relating to the construction of a speedway at Wood Island Park, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the town clerk of Brookline stating that a hearing has been ordered and the laying out of Longwood avenue will be reported to the town and an appropriation asked for construction, with the expectation that this Board will take concurrent action was received and the following vote passed:

Whereas by Chapter 162, of the Acts of 1897, the City of Boston and town of Brookline were authorized to construct a new bridge in place of the existing bridge between said City and town, forming a part of Longwood avenue, and to alter or widen existing approaches and connected ways, and

Whereas it is the intention of this Board to relocate and widen Longwood avenue from Autumn street to the boundary line between Boston and Brookline, substantially, as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board, it is therefore

Voted, that due notice be given that this Board intends to take the action so required under the provisions of said act, and that Tuesday, the sixth day of April, at 2 o'clock P.M., and the office of this Board at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, are assigned as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A request of William L. Miller to be permitted to make slight changes in the platform of the wall at North End Beach, without extra compensation, subject to the approval of the City Engineer, was received and the Chairman was authorized to order the change made in accordance with the Engineers directions

A communication from Alexander McInnis relating to delivery of piles at North End Beach, was received and placed on file.

A request of Frank [illegible] for permission to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue, was received and laid over.

At the suggestion of the Mayor the Board took up the question of the settlement of the Hall case on the Strandway as recommended last year by the Law Department. After some discussion the matter was referred to Mr. Stratton to confer with Mr. Babson and report to the Board.

A conference was held with Professor Chandler regarding the plans for the Franklin Field House also with Mr. Sturgis regarding the Men's bath house at North End Park.

Mr. Henry B. Blackwell came before the Board, regarding a settlement of damages for land taken from him for Neponset Playground.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, March 30, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Dudley, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs. Jackson, Howes, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Annual reports of the Landscape Architects and City Engineer were received for publication in the Annual report of the Board

March 30, '97. A communication from Henry B. Blackwell with reference to his estimate of the value of land taken from him for the Neponset Playground was received, read and placed on file.

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit to Frank Zamacchia to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue, said permit to be limited to one season and to be revoked if the music is objected to by the residents of the avenue.

Voted, that S. J. Hindgins be given permission to keep burros and ponies for hire on Franklin Park, on Sundays and legal holidays during the present season, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Voted, that a permit be granted to R. R. Goff to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, from May 20th, to June 25th, 1897, to be removed on notice, on condition that he provides police supervision when necessary in the opinion of the Board.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the temporary sheds, repair shops and storage yard at Franklin Park to the Nursery, at an estimated expense of five hundred dollars.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to complete the Arborway from Prince street to Washington street, excepting the traffic road over the hill opposite the Arboretum, at an estimated expense of thirty-six thousand, nine hundred and fifty-six dollars.

Plans for the sheep fold at Franklin Park were received from the Public Buildings Department and referred to the Landscape Architects to confer with said Department concerning minor changes in the design.

The Board conferred with the [illegible] regarding the plans for the [illegible] bath house at North End Beach. The preliminary plans were approved and Mr. Sturgis was authorized to complete the working plans and specifications to be submitted to the Board [illegible].

The [illegible] for [illegible] the carriage shed at Franklin Park was taken from the table and the bid of James [illegible] and Sons, for doing said work for two hundred forty-three dollars was accepted.

Mr. James H. Kelley came before the Board with reference to the application of Angelo [illegible] for permission to sell refreshments at the corner of Main and Alford streets, Charlestown. The Board took the application under advisement.

Mr. Howe stated that he had made arrangements with Hugh Farrell to do the work on the [illegible] street sewer for sixteen hundred dollars.

The Chairman reported that Mr. George H. Williams had offered sixty cents per foot for the land at the corner of Walnut avenue and Seaver street, which he had declined.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 6, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. [illegible], Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. Jackson, Howe, [illegible]

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and F. L. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A hearing was given on the notice of the intention of the Board, to relocate and widen Longwood avenue between Autumn street and the Brookline line, in accordance with a plan prepared by Alexis H. French, engineer for the town of Brookline. Mr. French was present with the plans for the new bridge. Mr. J. P. Clarke appeared and objected to the proposed relocation as injuriously affecting his estate. Mr. Clarke submitted an alternative plan requiring less land to be taken from him and a protest in writing which the Board took under consideration.

Mr. Stratton submitted a report from the Superintendent on the improvement of the central promenade of Commonwealth avenue and suggested that the work be done, omitting the tree cutting. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to do the work recommended in his letter to Mr. Stratton of April 5th, excepting in that part of the avenue between Massachusetts avenue and Beacon street and omitting the cutting of trees.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the Cricket ground at Wood Island Park be levelled off with loam and sowed with grass was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that a bathhouse be located at Harbor View, East Boston, also requesting a report as to the reasons why the filling in of Charlestown Playground has been stopped, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive circular Number 18, relating to requests for loan appropriations was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

A communication from the Architects' Division of the Public Buildings Department, relating to suggested changes in the plans of the sheepfold at Franklin Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Sullivan to make the changes in the plans referred to in his letter.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets that the planting of trees on Blue Hill avenue be taken charge of by this department, also request of Miss Caroline Matthews that settees be placed on Commonwealth avenue and in the parkways, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Timothy Devine that he be allowed pay for time lost caused by an accident while at work on Franklin Field, last January, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Boardman Hall came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the claim of Henry B. Blackwell for damages for lands taken for [illegible] Playground. Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Blackwell asked fifteen cents per foot, but that if the Board would offer eight or ten cents per foot he would recommend Mr. Blackwell to make a settlement rather than to try the case. The Commissioners stated that while Mr. Blackwell held to such high figures for his land they were unwilling to make any offer of settlement.

Mr. R. C. Sturgis came before the Board regarding changes in the park line and in construction of walk on Westerly docks, April 6, 1897. found to be necessary in drawing the plans for the Men's bathhouse. Mr. Sturgis stated that about fifty feet of land would have to be taken from the North Loring Yard to enable him to use the wall of the dock for a foundation of the building and that the wall and platform, that are now being constructed under contract, would have to be raised about two feet. The matter was referred to the Engineer to make plans of the changes required.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that it would be necessary to establish another stone crusher at the quarry on the Arboretum, in order to obtain a sufficient supply of stone for the Arborway.

The application of Angelo Govostes to locate a refreshment stand at the corner of Main and Alford streets, Charlestown Playground, was taken from the table and permission therefor refused.

A communication from Ordnance Sergeant McGrath requesting that his children be allowed to bathe and play ball at Castle Island was received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, April 13, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following action on the death of Charles Eliot was taken and the Secretary was directed to send copies thereof to Mrs. Charles Eliot and Charles W. Eliot:

The Park Commissioners of the City of Boston have learned with great regret of the death of Charles Eliot, one of their Landscape Architects, and they desire to express their deep sense of the great loss they as well as the whole community have sustained in his untimely end.

Voted, that the agreement with Messrs Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot, which expired April 1, 1897, be continued under the firm name of F. L. and J.C. Olmsted for three months and that thereafter conferences and specific work be charged for.

A conference was held with Professor Sargent regarding sundry proposed changes in the plan of the road on the west side of Jamaica Pond, and it was

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be requested to submit a new plan for the grading on the west side of Jamaica Park, reducing height of wall near the site of the Morse house, omitting the walks running from Prince street and the steps in the lower walk, reducing the widths of the other walks to twelve feet, and relocating the walk west of the Morse house nearer the water.

Mr. Howe stated that the contractor at the Arboretum declines to make excavation on the line of the traffic road for about seven thousand yards of material which the change of plan requires to be borrowed.

After discussion Mr. Sargent stated that he would see what could be done with the contractor. On Mr. Sargent's recommendation, Mr. Howe was authorized to get a

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price from the contractor who is building the Arboretum wall for an extension of the wall to South street with the same material.

The Engineer was authorized to make arrangements with Perkins and White to build the drain at North End Beach by day labor at fifteen per cent plus the cost of labor and material.

Mr. George H. Williams came before the Board with reference to purchasing the lot of land at the corner of Walnut avenue and Seaver street. The Commissioners offered to sell the land at seventy-five cents per foot which offer Mr. Williams took under consideration.

A hearing was given to Messrs Hutchins, Pryor, Anderson and Borden, proprietors of yacht building yards on the site of the Strandway, regarding a continuance of their business beyond the first of May. Messrs Borden and Pryor both stated that they could not get all their boats off by that date although they would launch them as fast as possible. The Commissioners replied that as they were occupying the land under sufferance of the contractor they would have to look to him for any further time needed to clear the yards.

On the general question of permitting boat building in the future Alderman Page opened by saying that the building of boats was an important interest in South Boston and a matter of great importance to the yachtsmen. He called on several gentlemen to address the Board.

Mr. Thomas Hills advocated the establishment of a public landing at the foot of K street which would accommodate small boats not belonging to yacht clubs, and suggested that Mr. Borden be given the privilege of keeping such a landing and a yard where boats can be stored in winter and summer.

Mr. Thomas Hills submitted a number of petitions in aid of Mr. C. A. Borden which had been obtained some time ago without solicitation by Mr. Borden. He asked to have Mr. Borden's claims considered if the question of appointing someone to carry on this work should arise. He hoped the cabin of the old ship Baltic could be permitted to remain on the point as it was a picturesque feature.

Mr. Hills as owning the frontage near I. street stated that he had not the slightest objection to the hauling of boats on the beach in the winter time, or from October to May.

Messrs Jenney, Spring, Howard and Powers were also present and stated that they favored the general proposition to permit boat-hauling on the Strandway.

Alderman Page also addressed the Board in the interest of Mr. W. V. Hutchins. Mr. Page said that his reputation is high. He has been in the business for thirty years and has a number of thousand dollars invested in boats, and his claims for a location to continue the business should be considered.

Mr. Hutchins stated that he had been a resident of the Point for thirty years and the construction of the Strandway would destroy his business unless he could be given a location and allowed to continue the business of letting boats. It would be impossible for him to locate elsewhere as his customers were at the Point.

Mr. Borden stated that Mr. Hutchins who hired the wharf owned the building which had been taken and that he ought to have some recompense for being deprived of his building,

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The Superintendent reported that he had arranged to allow the privileges requested by Ordnance Sergeant McGrath for his children at Castle Island.

On Mr. Pettigrew's recommendation the Superintendent was authorized to put a fence around the residence of the Ordnance Sergeant also to carry a new water pipe to the Island at an estimated expense of three hundred dollars.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that it is the custom to allow half pay for time lost from accidents received while on the work, it was thereupon

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to allow half pay to Timothy Devine and Dennis Cronin for time lost on account of injuries received while at work.

Mr. Hodges reported on the general subject of his interview with Messrs. Jones and Keehan, that they were dissatisfied with the inspection of the work by the engineering department and charged that lines and grades were not given when requested and they were otherwise delayed. He also stated that the Engineer required them to drive piles to a greater depth than was necessary. Mr. Howe stated that the contractors would not drive piles necessary to enable the engineers to give sights for cutting off the piles and that he had not required them to drive piles except as required by the contract.

An order of the City Council, requesting one or more temporary landings at City Point for use and convenience of yachtsmen and boatmen, during the construction of the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mr. Burgis wishing to know if the Commissioners will favor piping the womens bathhouse at North End Beach for gas in place of the electric light, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board prefers to adhere to the original plan of electric lights for lighting the building.

A communication from Jabez Talbot for Dr. W. E. C. Swan of Stoughton stating that the latter would accept the offer of settlement made through him at his interview with Mr. Pratt was received and it was

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed December 14, 1896, sundry parcels of land in Dorchester were taken for a playground, whereof a certain parcel of land containing 83,350 square feet belonged to Wm. E. C. Swan, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said Wm. E. C. Swan the sum of eight hundred thirty-three 50/100 dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a requisition on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said claimant; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Neponset Playground.

Acting under instructions from the Chairman the Superintendent reported that he had made an agreement with William Campbell to have full charge of the Golf Links and keep the grounds in order, look after the park property, etc. Campbell to receive the revenue from players at 12½¢ per round, and to have the privilege of repairing golf clubs and the sole privilege of giving golf lessons for hire on the Franklin Park links, to take effect from April 7th and it was thereupon

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Voted, to approve the arrangement made by the Superintendent with Mr. Campbell.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 20, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Howe submitted a plan for additional taking of land at North End Beach, to provide room to locate the men's bathhouse on the wall at the head of the westerly dock, as recommended by the Architect. The plan was approved and the Secretary was directed to notify the Superintendent of Streets of the intended taking and the reasons therefor.

Mr. Howe also submitted a plan for a bridge to carry the promenade over the passageway from the Women's bath house to the beach, which was approved and the Engineer was authorized to arrange with the contractors for the bath house to do the work if the price named by them is satisfactory to the Chairman.

Mr. Howe stated that the men employed by Jones and Meehan on the Strandway work declined to pay attention to the directions of the Engineering Department, having been so instructed by the contractors. The Secretary was thereupon directed to notify Messrs Jones & Meehan that the Board expects them to comply with the orders received from the Engineering Department as provided in the contract.

Mr. Pettigrew asked leave to employ temporarily certain men who are now on the suspended list, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to employ twenty-five or thirty men from the suspended list for temporary employment, provided he can secure good men.

The Superintendent stated that he had allotted to the Zingari Cricket Club, grounds at Franklin Field, in accordance with its request.

A communication from G. H. Williams declining to purchase land at the corner of Seaver Street and Walnut avenue at seventy five cents per foot; requests of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket on the cricket ground at Wood Island Park; also communication from Wheelwright and Haven relating to acceptance of work done by C. E. [illegible] and Son at Pine Bank Building, were received and placed on file.

Applications of George C. Snow for permit for a sketching class of twelve members to sketch in the public parks and of S. J. Hudgens for the privilege of keeping burros for hire at Marine Park, Sundays and holidays, were received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

Applications of Frank G. Schrader for permission to use Franklin Field, and of P. J. Finneran for exclusive privilege of maintaining a refreshment stand at Wood Island Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent with directions to decline to grant their requests.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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Boston, April 22, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor, Col. T. L. Livermore and Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

Col. Livermore stated his recollection of the reasons actuating the Board in 1891 in the passage of the vote instructing the City Engineer to investigate the feasibility of carrying the street car tracks under Charlesgate West, which afterwards resulted in the taking of land for the underground route for electric cars through the Fens, and stated his views regarding the proposition to allow the cars to pass over Boylston road. He stated that, in his opinion, it would be fatal to the future of the parkway as a resort for pleasure driving, riding and walking if even a temporary location were permitted.

A communication on the same subject from Ex-Mayor Matthews was received and read. After discussion the Mayor stated that he would inform the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs that the city was opposed to the plan of the petitioners for leave to run electric cars through the Fens, and request a further hearing should the committee anticipate making a favorable report.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised plan for a playground at the North End which was provisionally approved to allow the Mayor to have a survey made.

Mr. Sturgis submitted the plans for

the Men's Bath-house at North End Beach, which were approved.

The Secretary was authorized to sign permits to botanize, photograph or sketch in the public parks subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 27, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting and special meeting of April [illegible] were read and approved.

A plan and suggestions relating to the North End Playground, from the Landscape Architects, was received and placed on file

A communication from the Landscape Architects accompanying a sketch plan for entrance and walk to a proposed residence in the Bussey Institution grounds, was received and referred to the Engineers to complete the plans for the wall as soon as the plan for the entrance is approved by the College authorities.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relating to the re-arrangement of curbing, walks, planting spaces, etc., in connection with certain streets which the Street Commissioners propose to connect with Audubon road, was received and laid over.

An order of the City Council relating to the filling and completion of Charlestown Playground, at the corner of Alford

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and Main streets, also an order of the Common Council requesting that the boys be allowed to play ball on Smith Pond Park, until the completion of the Park, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the electric lights on Castle Island be lighted, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Boardman Hall, offering to accept 15½ cents per foot for Mr. "Blackwells" land taken for Neponset Playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board declines to settle at the price named.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver, submitting a plan for the erection of a structure for soda fountains at Franklin Park refectory, with bids from John J. Flynn of $1444, J. H. [illegible] of $1316 and O. H. Drisko & Son of $1145, was received and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Landscape Architects and report at the next meeting.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven relating to their bill for professional services for alterations at Pine Bank Building was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from the Architects Division of the Public Buildings Department, in relation to the changes in the plan for the sheep barns at Franklin Park, was received and laid over.

A communication from Mr. Wells, regarding [illegible] for the [illegible] at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Louisville Park Commissioners, relating to a convention of Park Commissioners, Architects and Engineers was received and placed on file.

The applications of Timothy Linehan, to operate flying horses at Franklin Park, and of A. E. Covel, for a permit to erect a building at the corner of Main and Alford streets, Charlestown, to be used as a waiting room, were received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

A communication from [illegible], asking whether they should proceed with the working plans for the Franklin Field House, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent reported that he had arranged with [illegible] Gregory to take care of Castle Island during the summer and do all the grass cutting at both Castle Island and Marine Park in return for the exclusive privilege of selling refreshments outside of the permits granted to W. E. Sheldon and Maurice McGrath. The work so to be done by Gregory was equivalent to five or six hundred dollars.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that he had given the privilege of the sale of refreshments at Wood Island Park to Daniel H. [illegible], who will furnish the department with the services of one man to care for the grounds in return for the privilege.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, May 4, 1897.

The following bids for building the New Bath House at North End Beach were received and opened in the presence [illegible] Commissioner Pratt and the bidders:

H. G. Newcomb [illegible]	$[illegible]
Gerry & Northrup	10,070.00
E. Littlefield & Co.	10,470.00
John C. [illegible]	10,555.00
William J. Lawler	10,632.00
Frame & McPherson	11,295.00
John J. Flynn	11,885.00
[illegible] McNamara & Sons	13,534.00

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, May 11, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 4:00 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Howe and [illegible]. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The bid of H. G. Newcomb for building Men's bathhouse at North End Beach was rejected after conference with him regarding his experience and financial ability to do the work, and the contract was awarded to Gerry and Northrup under a bond of three thousand dollars.

A communication from Jones and Meehan regarding their complaints in relation to the methods of the Engineering Department as represented by the inspectors placed over their work, was received and placed on file; a reply having been sent under date of May 10th.

A request of James Doran for extra compensation for additional work at [illegible] street playground was received and referred to the Engineer.

A communication from Alderman W. F. Donovan requesting permit for [illegible] to sell fruit at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent

On the application of H. H. Dexter, business manager of the Zoo for permission to locate on Charlesbank from June 14th to 20th for the purpose of giving exhibitions, the Secretary was directed to reply that the Superintendent having put the grounds in order for a playground it is not advisable to allow it to be used for other purposes.

On the application of J. L. [illegible] for permission to locate a wharf between C and D streets, outside the Strandway, for the purpose of renting boats for hire, a reply was made that the sole privilege has been given to W. E. Sheldon for a term of years which necessarily excludes all others from such privileges.

A communication from Mrs. Charles Eliot acknowledging the letter of sympathy extended by the Board to her, was received and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, the Superintendent was requested to consider the question of establishing drinking fountains on the parkways. The Superintendent was also requested to reconsider his rejection of the application of Timothy Cunohan for permission to operate flying horses at Franklin Park and report at the next meeting.

A Common Council order requesting that temporary sanitary buildings be provided at Franklin Field pending the erection of the permanent shelter, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon relating to the expense of running electric launches at Jamaica Pond and [illegible]

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leave to substitute gas launches, was received and referred to the Superintendent to investigate the matter and report to the Board.

Communication from Forbes Lithograph Mfg. Co. relating to the order for park ordinances, and from Perkins and Betton relating to plans and estimates for Field House, Franklin Field, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from John S. Damrell, Building Commissioner, stating that the proposed buildings, on P and East First streets, near Marine Park, do not come within the requirements of Chapter 175 of the acts of 1897, and that he, therefore, will be obliged to issue permits for their erection, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with the Corporation Counsel regarding the law.

Executive circular No. 14, relating to plumbing contracts, was received and placed on file.

A request from the Louisville Park Commission for data to be brought before the convention of Park Commissioners, Architects and Engineers, May 20 and 21, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Minneapolis Park Commission regarding the abandonment of their proposed convention was received and placed on file.

A communication from H. J. Mason complaining of the condition of the grass in Franklin Park, owing to the constant feeding of sheep and the playing of golf, also a request of Fred St. Pierre for permit to operate the Sec Sun Quadricycle in Franklin Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Committee on High Schools for permission to hold the annual parade of

the School Cadets at Franklin Park, May 14th, for the same reason that they were allowed the favor last year, namely, that the construction of the subway interferrd with the use of the Common, was received and it was,
Voted, that the Boston School Cadets be allowed to use the Playground at Franklin Park for the annual parade on May 14, the condition of the Parade-ground of the Common and the lack of conveniences at Franklin Field making those grounds unsuitable for the purpose.

A communication from Willard Rice, relating to right of way to proposed street from Main street, Charlestown, was received and laid over.

A request of Thomas F. Broderick for extension of time on contract for three weeks was received and it was
Voted, that the request be granted.

An estimate from Thomas F. Broderick for South street wall, Arborway, was received and referred to the Engineer.

The Superintendent recommended that half pay be allowed John Comerford for time lost on account of injuries received on the work, also that the pay of employees be increased as follows:
Thomas McDermott from $17.50 per week to $3.50 per day. William Fischer from $2.50 per day to $2.75 per day. William H. Timson from $3.00 per day to $3.50 per day. and after consideration, action on the recommendations was postponed.

On the statement of Mr. Howe that he found it impossible to dispose of the house at the M. street playground it was
Voted, to give it to the St. Augustine Cemetery

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Association, provided they remove it immediately and without expense to the City.

A revised grading plan for the westerly side of Jamaica Park, prepared in accordance with the vote of the Board of April 13, 1897, was received from the Landscape Architects and referred to the Engineer.

A typographical plan for revision of the northerly boundary of the West Roxbury Parkway to provide for a boundary road, was received and referred to the Engineer.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Mayor that the Board has been reluctant to accept the settlement of the cases of Dexter A. Hall and George Grant, owing to the amount recommended by the City Solicitor being so far in excess of the assessed valuation, but on further consideration the Board has concluded to accept the advice of the City Solicitor believing that it is his duty to protect the interests of the City, and will proceed to make the settlement unless the Mayor sees some reason to the contrary.

A hearing was given to Messrs Alexander Kliner, V. Bonzagni and James A. Cochran, a committee of the East Boston Trade Association, on the unfinished condition of Wood Island Park. They stated that the East Boston people felt that this park was being neglected and that something should be done to put the park into condition for use. They also requested that Neptune road be lighted. The Commissioners replied that they would give the matter their attention and see what could be done to improve the condition of the park.

Mr. Morrison, engineer for the Street Commissioners, submitted a plan of proposed location of stone monuments in Back Bay Fens dated

May 11, 1897, and requested that a permit to locate seven monuments in accordance with the plan so presented. [illegible] and [illegible]. Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit as requested.

At the request of A. H. Peters, the Secretary was authorized to make application to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to furnish electricity for the buildings at North End Beach so that the Company may put in at once the underground connections.

On the application of Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells that leave of absence be allowed Miss McMartin to go abroad, the Secretary was directed to notify her that while the Commissioners are favorably inclined to give the necessary leave of absence, they think it ought to be arranged without expense to the City.

Mr. Howe was authorized to make arrangements with Perkins and [illegible] to put in the drain for the men's bathhouse at North End Beach on the same terms as the drain for the women's bathhouse.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston, May 18th 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Mrs Kate Gannett Wells regarding the pay of assistants at the Women's gymnasium, Charlesbank, was re-

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ceived and it was

Voted, that the arrangement with the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association for the superintendence of the Charlesbank Gymnasium for women be continued for this season the same as last year, except that the Sunday substitute be paid $1.75, instead of $1.00 per day.

A request from Rev. D. W. Waldron for permission to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park, and for the privilege of having music at the Old Folks Party, was received and it was

Voted, that the Management of the Fresh Air Fund be permitted to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park, during nine days from July 2nd, under the supervision of the Superintendent, and that music be permitted at the Old Folks Party, July 19th.

On request of the Mass. Div. L. A. W. for permission to ride through the park system during its annual parade, May 31st, it was

Voted, that the Massachusetts Division, League of American Wheelmen be permitted, on the occasion of the Annual Spring Meet, May 31, to ride through the park system, from Back Bay Fens to Jamaica Park, on condition that the parade will occur at such a time that it will be over by 11.30 A.M.

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be directed to prepare a revised grading plan for the shore of Jamaica Pond, near Pond street, eliminating the artificial walls of the coves, and of the point of land near the site of the ice houses on Prince street, modifying the shore line to such an extent as may be required to use the surplus material to be delivered under the contract with [illegible] & [illegible] for grading at Franklin Park, in accordance with the latest revised plan for grading.

Voted, that the Engineer be directed to obtain from the contractor a price for additional excavation and grading in [illegible] [illegible] the whole work.

Reports from the Superintendent on injuries to Patrick Comerford and Alexander Boyd were considered, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to allow half pay to Patrick Comerford and Alexander Boyd for time lost on account of injuries received while at work.

A communication from Representative John J. Toomey, requesting to know why the refreshment privileges at Castle Island were given to a foreigner to the exclusion of citizens who enjoyed the privilege last year, and enclosing a petition from said persons for a hearing on the matter, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that Mr. Gregori is a citizen of the United States and has been so for fourteen years, that the proposition of Mr. Gregori was considered most advantageous for the City by the Superintendent, to whom the Board properly delegated the matter and in whose judgment the Board relies, and that a hearing [illegible] the other parties who offered propositions [illegible] only be a trouble to them and could have no effect to change the result as the decision of the Superintendent is final.

A petition requesting that the privilege of erecting a building to be used as a car station, on the corner of Main and Alford streets, Charlestown, be granted to Daniel Rodden was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Pettigrew reported on the matter of a temporary building for the accomodation of the public at Franklin Field and submitted

May, 18, 1897. a sketch of the building which he proposed to erect, and it was

Voted to authorize the Superintendent to put up two temporary buildings at Franklin Field and build a drain to connect them with the sewer.

Mr. Dooling came before the Board and requested that the projected arrangements for soda fountains be put under contract at once. He also requested that some power be provided to run the ice cream freezers as originally intended, and that some terra cotta urns be provided for ornamenting the balustrade of the roof garden.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that the plan to provide a place for dispensing soda water at Franklin Park refectory was approved by the Commission's Architects, and it was

Voted to accept the bid of [illegible] for said work for nine hundred and ninety-five dollars, and to notify the Architects to contract with them for said work, to be completed in three weeks' time.

The other requests preferred by Mr. Dooling were taken under consideration.

The proposition of Mr. [illegible] to fill about fifteen hundred or two thousand yards of material at [illegible] [illegible] source, was accepted on condition of his dredging and towing away an canal-[illegible] satisfactory to the Engineer.

Voted, that the pay of the following named employees of this Department be increased to the amounts set opposite their names:

Thomas McDermott, from $7.50 per week to $3.50 per day,
William Fischer, " 2.50 " day " 2.75 " "
William H. Tinson " 3.00 " " " 3.50 " "
said increase to take effect May 14, 1897.

The Superintendent was authorized to [illegible] the pay of [illegible] coming on the [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to them for [illegible].

A complaint of John Lines against Sub-Foreman [illegible] was [illegible] and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr Dickson submitted a plan and estimate for a traffic road at the Back Bay Fens from the Boylston entrance to Boylston street extension, which had been prepared at the suggestion of Mr Bailey as an alternative to the proposition to run the electric ca[illegible] Boylston road. The Secretary was authorized to confer with the land owners regarding the plan.

[illegible] cation of [illegible] appli-cation was taken from the table and permis[illegible]

[illegible]

A. Bresnahan and William J. McDermott a committee of the Citizens' Association of South Boston came before the Board and urged the taking of the block of land between P and Sixth street and the Strandway as an extension of the parkway. They stated that the land was mostly occupied by small dilapidated buildings of no great value and that if they were taken and the land laid out for park purposes it would be a great improvement to the Point. The Commissioners stated that they would be unable to take the land under the present condition of their funds, and suggested that the Committee might get a [illegible] appropriation for the purpose.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

May 25
[illegible]

Boston, May 25, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's room, City Hall, at [illegible] P.M. Present Messrs. [illegible] and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the City. Also present the Mayor and Messrs. Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew.

Communications from Mayor Quincy, relating to proposed settlement of the cases of Dexter A. Hall and George Grant; from Professor F. W. Chandler, relating to plans and estimates for [illegible] House, Franklin Park; from Rev. [illegible], [illegible] and William [illegible], relating to tree cutting on Commonwealth avenue, were received, read and placed on file.

A communication from the [illegible] International Union of America, Boston Division, relating to Messrs [illegible] and Meehan's contract at South Boston, referred by the Mayor to this Board, was at the Mayor's suggestion referred back to him.

A communication of Mrs. A. J. [illegible] of damages from golf playing at Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted the Engineer's estimate of the cost of work which he recommended should be done at Wood Island Park, amounting to $11,747.12. The matter was laid over except the removal of stone from the walks which the Superintendent was authorized to do.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to employ Lewis W. [illegible] as assistant janitor at Wood Island Park.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to permit cyclists to cross the temporary bridge to Castle Island pushing their machines.

[illegible] that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the gate house at [illegible]

[illegible], that the Engineer be authorized to arrange [illegible] the contractor for the removal of [illegible] and stones at the North End [illegible] at an expense not exceeding $1,500.00

[illegible], that the Engineer be authorized to arrange with the contractors for grading the Copp's Hill Terraces with a view to building a drain at the back of the terrace wall and [illegible]

[illegible] work [illegible] purpose.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] playground at the North End as [illegible]:

[illegible] Crosbie, heirs or devisees	47 Prince St.	632 sq. ft.	$ [illegible],000.
[illegible] person or persons unknown	passageway	61.	
[illegible] Flynn	[illegible] Bennett [illegible]	54[illegible]	1,500.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	1,[illegible]00.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]70.	[illegible],[illegible]00.
[illegible] F. [illegible]	[illegible] Bennett [illegible]	[illegible]	4,500.
David F. Tilley	[illegible]	1000.	5,500.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,600.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,100.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]00.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,[illegible]00.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,[illegible]00.
[illegible] Damasio	1,283 " "	1682.	8,100.
Catherine Crosbie	45 Prince street	632.	4,500.
		7,384.	$48,700

[illegible] the following act of taking

[illegible] City of Boston, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the authority given [illegible] by chapter 225 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its board of Park Com-

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missioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land, situate in the North End of said Boston, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City:- a parcel of land supposed to belong to the heirs or devisees of Frank Crosbie bounded southwesterly by Prince street $15\frac{10}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by Bennet avenue $42\frac{5}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of a person or persons unknown $15\frac{25}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of Catherine Crosbie $41\frac{38}{100}$ feet: containing six hundred and thirty-two square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, bounded northwesterly by Bennet avenue $2\frac{50}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of David Flynn, $24\frac{36}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of Catherine Crosbie $2\frac{50}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of Catherine Crosbie $9\frac{12}{100}$ feet, and by land of the heirs or devisees of Frank Crosbie $15\frac{25}{100}$ feet: containing sixty-one square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to David Flynn, bounded northwesterly by Bennet avenue $18\frac{10}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of Angelo Carbone and Carmelo Carbone $30\frac{37}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of Margaret J. McLaney and land of Vito D'Esposito $18\frac{10}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of Catherine Crosbie $5\frac{95}{100}$ feet and by land of a person or persons unknown $24\frac{36}{100}$ feet:- containing five hundred and forty-nine square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to

Angelo Carbone and Carmele Carbone; bounded northwesterly by Bennet avenue $18\frac{10}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of Michele Pozzo and Filomena Pozzo $30\frac{43}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of Ellen Gallagher and land of Margaret J. McLaney $18\frac{1}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of David Flynn 30 [illegible] feet; containing five hundred and fifty one square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Michele Pozzo and Filomena Pozzo bounded northwesterly by Bennet avenue $19\frac{56}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of Thomas L. Jenks, trustee, $31\frac{11}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of David Flynn and land of Ellen Gallagher $13\frac{33}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of Angelo Carbone and Carmele Carbone $30\frac{43}{100}$ feet: containing five hundred and one square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Thomas L. Jenks, trustee, bounded northwesterly by Bennet avenue $42\frac{2}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of Herbert E. Wheat and land of David F. Tilley and land of Eliza B. Macquarrie $8\frac{74}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by other land of Herbert E. Wheat $11\frac{81}{100}$ feet; again southeasterly by said other land of Herbert E. Wheat and land of David Flynn $38\frac{3}{100}$ feet; again southwesterly by land of David Flynn and by land of Michele Pozzo and Filomena Pozzo $34\frac{15}{100}$ feet: containing fifteen hundred and seventy square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Herbert E. Wheat bounded northwesterly by Bennet avenue $59\frac{81}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by North Bennet street 13 feet; southeasterly by land of David F. Tilley by two measurements $32\frac{75}{100}$ feet and $27\frac{4}{100}$; southwesterly by land of Thomas L. Jenks, May 25,

trustee, $9\frac{42}{100}$ feet: containing seven hundred and ten square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to David F. Tilley bounded northwesterly by land of Herbert E. Wheat by two measurements $27\frac{4}{100}$ feet and $32\frac{75}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by North Bennet street $17\frac{75}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of Eliza B. Macquarrie by two measurements [illegible] feet and 27 feet; southwesterly by land of Thomas L. Jenks, trustee, $17\frac{67}{100}$ feet: containing ten hundred and sixty square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Eliza B. Macquarrie bounded northwesterly by land of David F. Tilley by two measurements 27 feet and $32\frac{87}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by North Bennet street [illegible] feet; southeasterly by other land of Eliza B. Macquarrie by two measurements 33 feet and $26\frac{72}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of Thomas L. Jenks, trustee, $18\frac{83}{100}$ feet: containing ten hundred and eighty-eight square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Herbert E. Wheat bounded northeasterly by land of Eliza B. Macquarrie and land of Thomas L. Jenks, trustee, $34\frac{75}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land now or formerly of John Lythgoe 22 feet; southwesterly by land of Ellen Gallagher 17 feet; northwesterly by land of David Flynn $1\frac{33}{100}$ feet; again southwesterly by land of David Flynn [illegible] feet; again northwesterly by land of Thomas L. Jenks, trustee, 21 feet: containing seven hundred and forty-eight square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Ellen Gallagher bounded northeasterly by land of Herbert E. Wheat 17 feet; southeasterly by land now or formerly of John Lythgoe 21 feet; southwester by land of [illegible] Mc[illegible] 8 [illegible] feet; again southeasterly by land of said Mc[illegible] 6 feet; again southwesterly by other land of Ellen [illegible] 8 [illegible] feet; northwesterly by said land of Ellen [illegible] and land of [illegible] [illegible] 21 [illegible] feet; containing three hundred and ninety-eight square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to David [illegible], bounded southeasterly by land of [illegible] and land of Ellen [illegible] 10 [illegible] feet; southwesterly by other land of Ellen [illegible] 19 [illegible] feet; northwesterly by land of [illegible] and [illegible] one [illegible] feet; northeasterly by land of Thomas [illegible], twenty [illegible] feet; again northeasterly by the same, [illegible] feet; again northeasterly by land of [illegible] 17 [illegible] feet; containing two hundred and ninety-six square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Ellen [illegible] bounded northeasterly by land of David [illegible] $19\frac{75}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by other land of said [illegible] 10 [illegible] feet; again northeasterly by said other land of Ellen [illegible] 8 [illegible] feet; southeasterly by land of [illegible] Mc[illegible] $11\frac{47}{100}$ feet; Southwesterly by land of Margaret J. McLaney 5 feet; northwesterly by said land of Margaret J. McLaney 4 feet; again southwesterly by said land of Margaret J. McLaney 24 [illegible] feet; northwesterly by land of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and land of [illegible] Pozzo and [illegible] [illegible] 17 [illegible] feet; containing four hundred and thirty-[illegible] square feet, more or less.

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A parcel of land supposed to belong to Margaret J. McLaney bounded northeasterly by land of Ellen Gallagher $24\frac{17}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by said land of Ellen Gallagher 4 feet; again northeasterly by said land of Ellen Gallagher 5 feet; again southeasterly by land of Ezra T. McIntyre [illegible] feet; southwesterly by land of Vito A. [illegible] [illegible] feet; northwesterly by land of David Flynn and land of Luigi Carbone and Carmele Carbone 17 feet; containing four hundred and seventy-seven square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Vito A. [illegible] bounded northeasterly by land of Margaret J. McLaney $29\frac{42}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of Ezra T. McIntyre $55\frac{43}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by Prince street $30\frac{42}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by land of Catherine Crosbie and land of David Flynn [illegible] feet; containing sixteen hundred and eighty two square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Catherine Crosbie bounded southeasterly by land of Vito A. [illegible] $43\frac{17}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by Prince street $15\frac{10}{100}$ feet; northwesterly by land of the heirs or devisees of Frank Crosbie $41\frac{38}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by land of a person or persons unknown $9\frac{12}{100}$ feet; again northwesterly by said land of a person or persons unknown $2\frac{50}{100}$ feet; again northeasterly by land of David Flynn $5\frac{95}{100}$ feet; containing six hundred and thirty two square feet, more or less.

All of said parcels being shown on a plan for Playground signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated May 20, 1897, now on file in the office of said Board.

City of Boston
By (signed) Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton

A majority of the Board of Park Commissioners of said City

Voted, to give notice to occupants of the property this day taken for a playground to vacate immediately.

Mr. French submitted a joint communication to the Railroad Commissioners to be signed by the Park Commissioners of Boston and Brookline, requesting consent to the building of a masonry arch bridge over the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad to be constructed at a height not less than fifteen feet above the tracks of the railroad which was signed by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, June 1, 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by the choice of Edward C. Hodges as Chairman, Laban Pratt, Chairman pro. tem., and George F. Clarke, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to
Voted, that the Chairman pro. tem. be authorized to approve drafts and bills
approve drafts and bills, in the absence of the Chairman.

Voted, that in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro-tem. Charles E.

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Stratton be Chairman pro. tem. and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

The estimate from the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department of cost of electric conduits, Jamaica Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A proposition of Franklin A. Snow to do the grading at Jamaica Pond required by changes in the plans for the sum of fifty cents per cubic yard was received, and a plan from the Landscape Architects noting changes in the shore line of the coves near Eliot having been approved it was,

Voted, to accept the proposition provided he will agree to accept said price in full for all claims for damages due to the said changes of plans or delays resulting therefrom.

Request of Walter H. Reynolds for information as to the right to walk on the sidewalks on the Fenway and elsewhere, trundling a bicycle, also request of Albert D. Fairbairn for completion of the office road at Forest Hills entrance, and request of Perlie A. Dyar for information regarding construction of Audubon road were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A notice was read from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing on the joint request of the Park Commissioners of Brookline and Boston for permission to construct a bridge over the Boston and Albany railroad at Longwood avenue, at a height less than eighteen feet, on Tuesday, June 8th, at 11 A. M., at the office of said Railroad Commissioners, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. A. H. French and request him to represent the Board at said hearing.

Request of George [illegible] for renewal of annual permit to erect temporary awnings over the sidewalks on Commonwealth avenue, was received and the Secretary was authorized to reissue the permit for the year 1897.

A communication from Alderman Dean relating to permit for [illegible] to conduct a Punch and Judy show on Castle Island, was received and referred to the Superintendent with instructions to decline the request.

The application of J. R. Heard for permission to erect a refreshment pavilion on [illegible] street, Marine Park, was taken from the table and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from John S. Mitchell addressed to the Chairman of the Metropolitan Park Commission calling attention to the need of a bridge over the parkway at the Tremont street grade crossing, and referred by him to this Board, was received and placed on file.

A letter from Mrs. E. G. Miles recommending Mrs. Elinson to have a fruit and candy stand at Charlesbank was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to call on the Civil Service Commissioners for twenty-five picked men for arduous service.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

Voted, to accept an offer of Wilbur J. Hatch to build a roof on the Ordnance Sergeants' house at Castle Island for the sum of four hundred and sixty dollars.

The [illegible] recommended that the [illegible] to erect a building at Charlesbank Playground for a transfer station, and take care of the grounds in return for the privilege of selling refreshments, be accepted, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized

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to make arrangements with Mr. Covell in accordance with his recommendation.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that the [illegible] wished to give an exhibition of athletics at the Charlesbank gymnasium, on Saturday June 26th, and it was

Voted, that the request be granted under the direction of the Superintendent.

The application of John F. [illegible] for permission to erect a stand at the Marine Park end of the bridge leading to Castle Island, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from W.H. Atkins, Supt. of the Citizens Electric Illuminating Company, requesting leave to place [illegible] incandescent lamps in the men's bath-house at North End park, was received and the Secretary was directed to ask the Edison Electric Light Company what terms it will make for lighting the North End Park.

Mr. [illegible] stated that he could not get a fair offer from Thomas F. Broderick for building the additional wall at the Arboretum, and it was

Voted, to authorize the Engineer to advertise a contract for building the wall.

A hearing was given to Messrs. Mosman and Keyes, regarding entrance from Walter and Mendum streets, instead of from Fairview street, to the Arboretum.

Mr. Mosman stated that the land was assessed at from seven to twelve cents and sold for fifteen cents. They were not prepared to give a price for the land required but would submit an offer later. He called Councilman Orchard who stated that Fairview street is a very sharp grade and not a suitable approach to the Arboretum from Roslindale. He favored the entrance from Walter street as being more convenient.

Mr. [illegible], representative to the General Court from Roslindale, stated that the Fairview entrance was a blind alley instead and would not be known to the general public. Such an out of the way approach would not serve the public as well as an entrance direct from the thoroughfare of Walter street

Whereas in a letter dated May 26, 1896, the City Solicitor strongly recommends the settlement of the cases of Dexter A. Hall and George Grant his tenant, petitioners for damages against the City of Boston for a taking for the Strandway for twenty-five thousand dollars and forty-five hundred dollars respectively, the latter sum being reduced to twenty-five hundred dollars by a subsequent agreement of counsel, and

Whereas the Mayor in a letter dated May 20th, 1897, states, that he sees no reason why the settlement should not be accepted as recommended by the City Solicitor, therefore

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of D. A. Hall for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars without costs and interest, upon his giving a deed for the same including all the agreements and conditions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, South Boston, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages caused by said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor; also the case of George Grant for damages on account of the taking of his leasehold estate, for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, without costs and interest, upon his giving a release of the same satisfac-

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tory to the City Solicitor.

Geo. F. Clarke, Secy.

Boston, June 8, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its Office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew.

Mr. Howe submitted a proposition from Perkins and White to put in the system of drainage called for by the Engineer's plan of May 28, 1897, at the Copp's Hill Terraces for $290, and to tear down the wall and relay it without port holes for $335. The drainage proposition was accepted and the other rejected, the Board considering this work not necessary.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a plan of the building which the Court intended to erect at Charlestown Playground, with a memoranda of the conditions under which the privilege should be granted.

A communication from the City Engineer enclosing bill with copies of correspondence and report of the Assistant Engineer relating to the bridge over the parkway at Forest Hills, built by the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. Company, was received and laid on the table.

A report of the Superintendent on J. P. [illegible] application for a refreshment stand at Perkins and Chestnut streets, Jamaica Park, was received, read and placed on file, and it was

Voted that permission to erect said stand be refused.

Communications from the City Clerk, calling attention to the Legislation relating to hacks and from [illegible] Richardson and [illegible] relating to plumbing work at Franklin Park, were received and placed on file.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the construction and maintenance of a place with covering and settees for the accommodation of the public at Marine Park, also requesting the construction of a hand-ball court on the Playground, Ward 14, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Executive circular No. 20, requesting the granting leave of absence, without loss of pay, to park employees who are veterans, members of the Veteran Firemen's Association on Firemen's Memorial Day, Sunday, June 13th, was received and the Superintendent was directed to comply with the request if any men apply for leave of absence.

Executive circular No. 21, concerning the granting of half holidays on Saturdays, from June 5, to September 25, was received and it was,

Voted, that a half holiday, without loss of pay, be granted to all the employees of this department whose services can be dispensed with, as part compensation for their services, on Saturdays beginning June 5th, and ending with Saturday September 25, 1897.

An application of P. J. Finneran, for position of superintendent at North End Park, and recommendation of John D. Hardy of Mrs. Mary Graeff for position of care-taker; also recommendations of Joseph L. Doherty for position of Assistant Instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from R. S. Barrows, asking leave to use certain cuts of the park system in a book to be issued in connection with the 4th of July celebration, was received and the Secretary was directed to allow copies of the plates to be made at Mr. Barrows' expense.

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A petition was received from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts requesting permission to locate two poles on the Arborway near Forest Hills station. Mr. William E. Durgin, district superintendent, came before the Board with a plan showing the location desired. Mr. Durgin stated that poles were to be used for their long distance telephone wires which could not well be put underground and that they would arrange to allow the West End Street Railway Company to use the poles to support their trolley wires. The Board took the petition under advisement and referred the plan to the Superintendent for approval of the locations.

Mr. Allen, special agent of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, came before the Board with reference to arrangements for installing telephones with underground connections at Charlesbank, and Marine, Wood Island and Jamaica parks. Mr. Allen stated that he would look into the matter and report what the company would be willing to do at the next meeting of the Board.

A request of the Metropolitan Park Commission for concurrence in the abandonment of a small portion of a piece of land taken from Granville A. Fuller, in the Brighton district, was received and concurrence therein voted as follows:

> Whereas, it appears that the Metropolitan Board of Park Commissioners on June 2, 1897, voted to abandon to Granville A. Fuller a certain parcel of land in the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk shown on a plan marked Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Park Commission Charles River Reservation Map of Land in Boston Massachusetts abandoned to Granville A. Fuller x x x

William T. Pierce Engineer, April 10, 1897, being Metropolitan Park Commissioners Plan No. 111 and to release the same by deed accordingly, Now, therefore, voted, the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, hereby gives assent and signifies its approval of said abandonment and of said deed to Granville H. Fuller and its concurrence with the said Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners hereby and in every act matter and thing connected therewith and by signing the said deed.

The Board estimated the expence of taking a small parcel of land containing sixty-five square feet from the North Paving Wharf at nothing, and passed the following act of taking:

"In Board of Park Commissioners,
June 8, 1897.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston in further exercise of the authority conferred upon it by Chapter 282 of the Acts of the year 1895, does hereby take for a park or playground a parcel of land situated within the limits of Ward 6 of said City, being, together with the land taken by acts of this Board passed December 7, 1893 and February 16, 1897, of an assessed value not exceeding $300,000, and bounded and described as follows:- beginning at a point in the westerly boundary of said park or playground, as fixed by said taking of February 16, 1897, distant 177 27/100 feet northerly from Commercial Street and, running northwesterly and northeasterly by two lines on land of said city known as the North Paving Wharf 10 feet and 6 5/10 feet respectively; thence running southeasterly and southwesterly by two lines on othe

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[illegible] of said Park [illegible] feet [illegible] 10 feet and 6 5/10 feet respectively and containing sixty-five square feet more or less, as shown on a plan signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated April 1, 1897, a copy whereof is to be recorded herewith in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

City of Boston,
by, Edward C. Hodges
[illegible]
Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

Mr. Howe submitted specifications and form of contract for building a wall at the Arnold Arboretum. Mr. Howe was directed to submit it to the Corporation Counsel, and if approved by him to advertise for bids.

Voted, that hereafter, until further notice, the meetings of the Board be held on Monday at 2.30 P.M.

Adjourned to Monday, June 14, at 2.30 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y

Boston, June 9, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's room, City Hall at [illegible] P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present, the Mayor and Messrs Jackson and Howe.

The Mayor recommended the taking of about 65 acres of marsh and flats lying between the present line of the Strandway and the Old Colony Railroad, which would permit of the construction of the Strandway over the land instead of in the waters of Old Harbor, at a considerable saving of cost. The Mayor stated that the new way could be constructed by the Street Commissioners under chapter 394 of the acts of

1897, which would give access to Marine Park, were [illegible] corresponding to the original line of the Strandway. The Mayor stated that the Corporation Counsel was of the opinion that, the taking could be made under chapter 453 of the acts of 1896 and the expense of the taking charged to the amount specifically designated therein for the completion of the Strandway.

The Board [illegible]

of taking running lines for the [illegible] of the Strandway as follows:

Charles T. Gallagher, et. al. trustees under will of Choate Burnham,	122,700	sq. ft.	$2000.
[illegible] Hall Heirs,	23,100	" "	350.
Charles T. Gallagher, et. al. trustees under will of Choate Burnham,	54,800	" "	800.
Alonzo F. Bennett,	109,500	" "	1600.
Franklin King, et. al.	135,800	" "	3600.
Franklin King,	289,000	" "	7300.
Dudley A. Dorr, trustee under will of Augustus Russ	1,242,100	" "	30,800.
George R. Cushing, Heirs and George W. Smith, Heirs,	154,200	" "	8,400.
Ditto	182,200	" "	
Stephen P. Weld, trustee	185,700	" "	2,700
Frederick A. Green, Heirs,	87,000	" "	1,600
John P. and Henry C. Howe,	82,200	" "	2,000
Gerard C. Tobey, et. al.	191,400	" "	6,500
Mary E. Moseley, et. al.	32,200	" "	1,600
	2,891,900		69,250

and with the understanding that the Corporation Counsel will give his opinion in writing, passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners
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Whereas, the undersigned were appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissione-

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ers of the City of Boston, by virtue of and according to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the City of Boston," being Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1875, deem it desirable to take the following described land and flats for the purposes of a public park;

Now, therefore, we, the said Board of Park Commissioners, by the authority conferred upon us by the said Act and by Chapter 453 of the Acts of the year 1896, have taken and hereby do take and locate as and for a public park all the land and flats, situated in that part of the City of Boston which was formerly Dorchester which are bounded by a line described as follows: beginning at a point in the easterly line of the location of the Old Colony railroad distant 123 40/100 feet northerly from its intersection with the southerly line of Mt. Vernon street and thence running easterly by a straight line, 171 95/100 feet; thence running northeasterly by a curved line of 692.56/100 feet radius, tangent to said last described line, 898 feet; thence running northerly by a curved line of 1910 feet radius, tangent to said last described line, 363 55/100 feet; thence running northerly by a straight line tangent to said last described line, 100 feet; thence running northeasterly by a curved line of 3125 36/100 feet radius, tangent to said last described line, 1336 58/100 feet; thence running northeasterly again by a curved line of 1677 20/100 feet radius, tangent to said last described line, 614 89/100 feet to a point distant 450 feet perpendicularly from Ninth street; thence turning and running westerly by a line parallel with and distant 450 feet from the southerly line of Ninth street and said southerly line of Ninth Street extended, about 1164 feet to the division line between land supposed to belong to Alonzo F. Bennett, and land supposed to belong to Franklin King, John C. Clapp, and the heirs or devisees of Atherton Tucker; thence turning and running northwesterly by said division line about 668 feet to the easterly line of the location of the Old Colony Railroad; thence turning and running southerly by said easterly line of said location by three lines about 3082 feet to the point of beginning.

The tract of lands or flats herein described comprises various parcels supposed to belong respectively to Mary E. Moseley and the Heirs or Devisees of Thomas P. Moseley; John P. Howe and Henry C. Howe; Edward C. Bray, Horace T. Pierce and others; the Heirs or Devisees of Frederic A. Green; Stephen P. [illegible] Trustee; the Heirs or Devisees of George T. Cushing, and the Heirs or Devisees of Henry H. Smith; [illegible] H. Dorr, Trustee, under the will of Augustus Russ; Franklin King; Franklin King, John C. Clapp, and the Heirs or Devisees of Atherton Tucker; Alonzo F. Bennett; Charles P. Gallagher et al. Trustees under the will of Choate Burnham; Heirs or Devisees of Gilbert Wait

All of said parcels of land and flats being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of land in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, taken June 9, 1897. for a park under Chapter 185 of the Acts of 1875" signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated June 9, 1897, on file in the

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office of said Commissioners; a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

City of Boston
by Edward C. Hodges
Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton.

The Board of Park Commissioners of said City

Voted, that the Superintendent be directed to proceed at once with the surfacing of M. street playground, in accordance with the plans of the Landscape Architects.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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Boston, June 14, 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe, Pettigrew and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting and Special meeting June 9th, were read and approved.

Mr Howe submitted a plan of changes required in pier at North End Beach to provide foundation to the Men's Bath house, which was approved; also a plan showing electric lights and conduits for Copp's Hill Terraces and North End Beach. The latter plan was referred to the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department for an estimate of cost of putting in the underground conduits.

The question of locating drinking fountains at North End Beach was referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Landscape Architects.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend five thousand dollars on the walks at Wood Island Park, and to put the building in use for women, at an expense not exceeding $250.00, and to place a matron in charge.

On recommendation of Mr. Howe it was Voted, that the Water Board be requested to lay a six inch water pipe in Franklin Field, in accordance with a plan to be furnished by the Engineer.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel, stating that he can see no legal objection to using the two hundred thousand dollars designated by the Legislature for the completion of the Strandway in paying for land taken between the present lines of the Strandway and the Old Colony Railroad under the provisions of chapter 453 of the Acts of 1896, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from R. C. Sturgis, in approval of the gas and electric fixtures for the Women's Building, North End Beach, was received and placed on file and the Secretary was directed to ask the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department to submit an estimate of cost.

Commissioner [illegible] and submitted an amended form of agreement between the South Boston Yacht Club and the City, which was considered. Subsequently, the matter was referred to the City Solicitor.

An estimate of O. H. Drisco and Son for making, setting up and finishing settees for Pine Bank House was received and placed on file.

A communication from H. E. [illegible], relating to the erection of temporary sheds for boat storage at Pine Bank, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from [illegible] regarding, January 11, [illegible]

lease of refectory and related matters, was received and laid over.

A request of Julius Pratt for renewal of insurance on buildings at North End and Wood Island Parks was received and the Secretary was directed to place the insurance in accordance therewith.

A communication from F. W. Chandler, relating to estimates and plans for Tennis Courts, Franklin Field, was received and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to notify Perkins and Betton to discontinue further work and save expense on the plans.

A communication from the Boston Electric Light Company, relating to terms for lighting North End Park, was received and it was

Voted, to accept their proposition for lighting the Men's bath-house and pier.

A request of the Board of Election Commissioners for permission to erect booths in Commonwealth avenue and Charlestown Heights was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from H. C. [illegible], relating to his request for a temporary path over the bank from the Riverway drive to the walk below at the proposed new Longwood avenue bridge, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication accompanying copy of new chart of Boston Inner Harbor, from the Office of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D.C. was received and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same with thanks.

A request of Bacon and Corbett for renewal of their carriage privilege at Franklin Park was received. Mr. Bacon also came before the Board in support of his application and stated that he would furnish a carriage to convey the Commissioners from the City to Franklin Park, on the days of their regular meeting, without charge for this ser-

[illegible]. He also desired a change in the route to conform to the practise which had been followed since the completion of the circuit drive. This omitted Scarboro Hill and made the return by way of Scarboro pond and the east side of the park, except that whenever patrons especially request it, Scarboro Hill was included in the route. Mr. Bacon stated that this practice would be continued and with this understanding it was

Voted, that the carriage privilege heretofore granted Bacon and Tarbell, in Franklin Park, be extended for five years on the same conditions as before with the further condition that they furnish a carriage to convey the Commissioners to and from Pine Bank House, on the days of their regular meetings without charge to the City.

It was also

Voted, to amend the carriage regulations by substituting Scarboro pond for Scarboro Hill wherever the words occur, and so that the prescribed route shall read as follows:

Route.

Carriages are to start from the East Circle of the Greeting, pass by the Circuit road to the Valley Gate, pass by the Overlook and around the circuit of the Playstead; return to the Valley Gate, pass by the Circuit road, to the east entrance of the Loop roads, pass by the Loop roads through the Wilderness, back to the Circuit road; continue by the Circuit road via Scarboro pond to place of starting.

The communication of [illegible] [illegible], relating

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to right of way to proposed street from Main street, Charlestown; also communication from Landscape Architects relating to rearrangement of curbing, walks, planting spaces, etc., in connection with certain streets proposed to be connected with Audubon road, were taken from the table and the Secretary was directed to refer these matters to the Board of Street Commissioners.

The Engineer submitted a plan of proposed footbridge at Peneau street culvert, which was laid on the table, until some arrangement can be made with the owners of the land for the right to build it.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston June 21, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Evans, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for building a wall on the Parkway adjoining the Bussey Institution were publicly opened and read:

John A. Whittemore's Sons,	Boston,	$2,387.50
Martin F. Culbert,	"	2,750.00
Thomas Minton,	"	2,990.00
John Sutherland,	"	2,925.00
David M. Biggs	"	3,000.00
R. A. Davis	"	3,372.50
M. S. & G. N. Miller	"	4,494.00

The bid of John A. Whittemore's Sons was accepted and the amount of bond required was fixed at eight hundred dollars.

A communication from the Boston Electric Light Company regarding additional lights in the vicinity of the Head House, Marine Park, also a communi-

[illegible] relating to [illegible] lights at North End and Jamaica Parks, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from R. C. Sturgis stating that work at North End Beach was nearing completion and requesting instructions regarding numbers for the dressing-room doors, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Sturgis regarding numbering of the doors and the transfer of the building to the department, when completed.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver relating to the contract for asphalt work at the refectory, Franklin Park, enclosing bond of the [illegible] & Jenkins Company guaranteeing the work for five years, was received and referred to the Superintendent to examine and report whether the work is satisfactory and the guarantee and bond sufficient.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver, relating to the condition of the lights at the refectory, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver relating to supports for soda-fountains at Franklin Park, with estimate of O. H. Drisco and Son, was received and it was

Voted, that the offer of O. H. Drisco & Son be accepted, the wainscotting to be in marble.

An order of the City Council authorizing the Board to abate not exceeding 50% of the betterment assessments, Dorchesterway, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the City Solicitor

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accompanying a form of agreement with the South Boston Yacht Club for a site for its club house on the Strandway was received and the Secretary was directed to forward the agreement to the Club for approval.

A communication from the Water Commissioner relating to K. street hydrant was received and referred to the City Engineer.

A communication from Julius Pratt relating to insurance at North End Beach was received and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to include the covered pier adjoining the Women's Bathhouse in said insurance.

A request of Charles G. Lawrence for increase of salary was received and laid on the table.

The Superintendent was directed to confer with Mr. Sheldon to ascertain what arrangements have been made by him for additional sail boats at Marine Park and to arrange a price for letting the same without a sailing master.

The Chairman stated that he had directed the Secretary to issue a permit to J. Payson Bradley to enable the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and other organizations to parade on Commonwealth avenue, June 21st, in honor of Queen Victoria's jubilee. The Chairman's action was approved.

A request of the Sub-committee on East Boston Celebration, July 4th, for the erection of a band-stand at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of the Clerk of Committees for permission to hold concerts, bicycle races, fireworks etc., June 28th and July 5th, was received and it was

Voted, that the Committees of the City Government

> having charge of the various celebrations, be given permission to hold a band concert, children's entertainment and display of

fireworks at Marine Park, June 28th, also band concerts at Wood Island Park, band concerts and fireworks at Marine Park and Franklin Park, and bicycle races at Franklin Park, July 5th, provided all the arrangements for said events be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks including a sufficient detail of police.

A request of the Harvard Improvement Association for use of Franklin Field July 5th, for base ball and fireworks, was received and it was

Voted, that the Harvard Improvement Association be permitted to occupy such part of Franklin Field for the purpose of a base ball game on the forenoon of July 5th, and for a display of fireworks on the evening of said day, as the Superintendent may approve and assign for said purpose, provided also that a detail of police sufficient to maintain order be provided by said Association.

A communication from Frank H. Briggs regarding the [illegible] condition of the Fenway paths was received and referred to the Superintendent for reply.

A request of Charles [illegible] for sanitary conveniences at Pond street was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from A. L. Smith regarding the lines of Columbia road at Upham's Corner, was received and referred to the Superintendent to examine the plans and report to the Board.

A petition of A. E. Pillsbury and others regarding the deplorable and unhealthful condition of that part of the Fens between Beacon street and Charles river, was received

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and referred to the Superintendent to investigate and report to the Board.

The recommendation of the Superintendent that E. J. Moriarty, an employee of the Department, be transferred to act as fireman at the administration building, North End Park, was approved by the Board, also the appointment of Mary Graff as attendant.

The request of Horace G. Allen for a boulder from the old Sargent place at Franklin Park, was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Allen and report to the Board.

A request of Councilman Harvey in behalf of the Lawrence Avenue Improvement Association, for the use of Franklin Field for a concert and display of fireworks July 5th, was received and it was

Voted, that the Lawrence Avenue Improvement Association be given permission to hold a concert and display of fireworks on Franklin Field, near [illegible] Street, on the evening of July 5th, provided all the arrangements for said events be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, including a sufficient detail of police to maintain order.

The Superintendent submitted an agreement of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to permit and arrange for attachments of all wires belonging to the West End Street Railway Company, Boston Electric Light Company and Western Union Telegraph Company on the poles, a petition for which was referred June 8th to the Superintendent for approval of locations, and it was

Voted, that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be permitted to place two poles on the Arborway at the intersection of Washington street, as shown by red dots on a plan submitted with their petition for said locations, provided that said Companies arrange for attachments of all wires belonging to the West End Street Railway Company, Boston Electric Light Company and Western Union Telegraph Company, and provided also that said poles be removed on notice from this Board.

Mr. Ansell for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company came before the Board to confer with reference to putting in telephones at "Charlesbank," Marine Park, Wood Island Park and Jamaica Park. The Commissioners asked Mr. Ansell to submit a proposition as to what the Company would do with regard to putting in [illegible] connections.

Mr. Jackson submitted a letter certifying that, in his opinion, the work under Jones and Meehan's contract is unnecessarily and unreasonably delayed, that said contractor is wilfully violating the conditions and agreements of said contract, especially those contained in Sections 43 and 44 of Article C, and those contained in Article G; is executing said contract in bad faith, and has failed to complete the work within the time required in the contract.

The Secretary was directed to consult with Mr. Bailey as to what course the Board should pursue under the circumstances.

A communication from Ellen T. Burke, regarding her application for the position of Matron at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

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Boston, June 23, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Mr. Jackson.

At the request of the Board the Mayor agreed to authorize the Superintendent of Streets to supply the men necessary to prepare "M" street playground for use, under the direction of the Superintendent.

The Mayor stated that Councilman Connelly had obtained offers for the land required to extend the Fellows street playground to Hunneman street upon which the appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars was based. He suggested that the Board employ Mr. Cobb to see if the price is a fair one and to report at the next meeting.

Voted, to request Mr. Pettigrew to make suggestions regarding the laying out of the proposed addition to the Fellows street playground and to look at the buildings on the proposed Mystic playground, and report what preparation is necessary for temporary use of the grounds.

The arrangements for opening the bathhouse at North End Beach, at the earliest time practicable was referred to the Chairman.

The City Engineer was directed to make arrangements for access to the beach from the Women's bath-house at North End Beach, also to make a plan for taking the Gibson School land for a playground, and to report on the question of drainage at Billings field.

The Board considered the scheme of taking the land known as [illegible] Wharf, Charlestown, belonging to the Boston and Maine Rail Road for a playground at fifty-thousand dollars and passed the following act of taking:

"In Board of Park Commissioners,
June 23, 1897.

The City of Boston, by virtue and in pursuance of the authority given to it by chapter 220, of the acts of the year [illegible], does hereby, through its Board of Park Commissioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of said Boston which was formerly Charlestown, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City: a parcel of land known as Adams Wharf supposed to belong to the Boston and Maine Railroad, bounded and described as follows: southeast by Chelsea street, by three measurements, thirty feet, one hundred thirty-two and 10/100 feet and two hundred seven and 90/100 feet; southwest by Scott's Court, three hundred forty-eight and 51/100 feet; northwest by Edmands Wharf, by four measurements, sixty-nine and 72/100 feet, seventeen and 47/100 feet, one hundred three and 81/100 feet, twenty-six and 19/100 feet; northeast by the line of extreme low water in Mystic river four hundred twelve and 50/100 feet, more or less: containing ninety thousand nine hundred and eighty square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan dated June 23, 1897, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office; also all the right, title and interest of said Boston and Maine Railroad in and to said Scotts court and in and to any and all

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flats appurtenant to the above described parcel of land.

City of Boston,
by (Signed) E. C. Hodges
Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

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Boston, June 24, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Street Commissioners' office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor, the City Engineer and the Street Commissioners.

Mr. Pratt submitted agreement of Daniel Clark and Henry W. Hunt to permit the erection of a tide-gate on their land on the easterly side of Tenean street, Neponset, and it was

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to procure bids for building a bulkhead and tide-gate at Tenean street, for Neponset Playground in accordance with the plan submitted by him.

A conference was held with the Street Commissioners and the Mayor regarding the proposed highway to be laid out across the Back Bay Fens.

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Boston, June 28, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present the Mayor and Messrs. Jackson and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting and special meetings June 23&24 were read and app'd.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a letter from H. F. Cottle regarding the condition of electric light wiring at Franklin Park refectory, stating that nearly every circuit in the building is grounded and that many imperfections exist which require attention. The matter was thereupon referred to the electrical department to ascertain if the repairs should not be made under the contract with Bubert for said work.

Mr. Pettigrew also submitted a letter from Mr. Cottle regarding the placing of [illegible] lights over the [illegible] at the west end of the refectory building, and the Secretary was directed to order the work done.

A communication from H. F. Cottle stating that the electric light fixtures for the Women's Bathhouse at North End Beach, would cost about $250; also recommending that the installation of the arc lights at North End Beach be committed to the Boston Electric Light Co. at their regular contract price, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent was authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commissioners for thirty young and active men for autumn work, also to make arrangements to remove the buildings from Mystic Playground Charlestown.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that he had arranged with Mr. Sheldon together with Mr. Hutchins, to maintain a fleet of twelve sailboats to be let to the public without sailing masters if desired, at the following rates:

For boats up to twenty feet in length, fifty to seventy-five cents per hour according to the size and not to exceed five dollars per day.

For boats from twenty feet to twenty-five feet in length, seventy-five cents per hour

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and not to exceed $7.00 per day.

The regulations to be amended so as to prohibit the taking of liquor aboard any of the boats.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that he had examined the refectory building with Mr. Hartwell and found that the roof is now tight, but on account of the liability that the material will contract in winter he recommended that the contractors be required to renew their bond before it expires. The Secretary was thereupon directed to notify them accordingly.

Mr. Pettigrew reported the need of a direct steam connection between boiler and steam washer, a check valve on cold water supply, a thermostat in heater and brass numbers and door stops for doors of bathhouses at North End Beach, and it was

Voted, to authorize the architect to order the apparatus recommended by the Superintendent.

Voted, that the Superintendent be directed to advise with Professor Sargent regarding the arrangement of the plantations of that portion of the park system between Forest Hills Square and Washington street, Brookline.

On the recommendation of the Mayor it was

Voted, that following past precedents the Board is willing to abate sixty percent of the betterments assessed on account of the laying out of the Parkway known as Dorchesterway and refund a similar proportion of any such assessments as have been already paid into the City treasury, if the City Council will provide an appropriation therefor.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel enclosing a form of notice to Jones and

Meehan, notifying them to discontinue work on the Strandway, and recommending the advertising of the contract anew at the time of giving the notice.

The notice to the contractors to discontinue work was, thereupon, signed by the [illegible] and [illegible]

Voted, to advertise the contract in accordance with the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel, the bids to be received and opened July 19th, at 2.30 P.M.

A communication from the Police Department requesting that said department be permitted to place life saving signals on the Head House, Marine Park, to be hoisted in cases of drowning, was received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

A communication from Arthur W. Woodell, calling attention to the condition of the Fenway, and to the need of a playground for children in that vicinity, also a similar communication from him to the Mayor and referred by the Mayor to this Board, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from C. E. Lauriat, calling attention to the unfinished condition of Audubon Road and the desirability of opening the parkway from Beacon Street in the vicinity of Audubon Circle, as soon as possible, also a communication from [illegible] relating to alleged damage to his property caused by the non-completion of Audubon road, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Lauriat Avenue Improvement Association for permission to have a bonfire on the hill back of the Head House, on the morning of July 6th, was received and refused.

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A request of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association for permission to march over portions of the parkway, on the morning of July 5th, was received and it was

Voted, that the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association be permitted to hold a parade on the parkway between Pond and Centre streets, on the morning of July 5th, provided that the route taken by said parade and all other arrangements, including a detail of police to maintain order and protect the property of the department, be made satisfactory to the Superintendent.

A request of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Jamaica Plain for permission to erect a stand and small tent, for the sale of refreshments, on the morning of July 5th, on the corner of Prince street and Arborway, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit therefor.

A communication from Augustus Hemenway, enclosing a letter from Annie Fields suggesting that a small area of Franklin Park be reserved for the use of kindergarten children where they may play in the tall grass, was received and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

Recommendations of Bridget McFarland for position of matron at the Women's Bath house, North End Beach; also a communication from Joseph H. [illegible] calling attention to alleged ill-treatment of John [illegible], night watchman at Wood Island Park, by [illegible] park employees, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from James H. Shannon, relating to property at 22 North Bennet street, also communications from Governor Wolcott, Mayor Perry of Somerville, President Eliot of Harvard College, and Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, regretting that they could not attend the athletic exhibition at Charlesbank, June 26, were received and placed on file.

Voted, that all employees of the department whose services can be dispensed with, be given a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on July 29th, for the purpose of holding their annual picnic.

An invitation to attend the picnic of the park employees, July 29th, was received and the Secretary was directed to express the thanks of the Board therefor.

A communication from R. C. Sturgis notifying the Board that he had accepted the buildings at the North End Beach from Gerry and Northup, contractors, and allowed seven days bonus under the provisions of the contract, was received and the Chairman was authorized to approve the said allowance. The Superintendent was directed to make arrangements to open the bathhouse July 1st, with the necessary attendants and to have a man stationed in a boat during bathing hours for safety to the bathers. The price charged for the use of a bathing suit to be five cents and a towel two cents. No charge to be made when both are furnished by the bather.

A hearing was given to Messrs Wheat, [illegible] and Dr Thomas F. Jenks regarding damages for land taken from them for the North End Playground. Dr Jenks stated that the land owned by him as trustee was worth, with the building, $10.00 per foot. He had been offered $15 000. and would accept [illegible]. He stated that the building rented for $750. per annum and that the lease can be cancelled on notice. Mr. Bergman corroborated Dr Jenks statement regarding

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the offer, it having been made through him as a broker.

Mr. Herbert E. Wheat stated that he owned 26 North Bennet street, having bought it several months ago, also numbers [illegible] Samoset place, which he had owned nearly two years. They were mortgaged for $8000. and $5600. respectively. He would take twelve thousand dollars for the North Bennet Street lot and eight thousand dollars for the Samoset Place property. He said that the latter rents for six hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. Coleman stated that he asks twenty-five thousand dollars for his property.

Councilman T. J. Connelly came before the Board and stated that he had obtained prices on all but one of the lots required for an addition to the Fellows street playground. There were five houses worth from $700. to $1000. each. The land was taxed for sixty cents per foot. The matter was, thereupon, referred, at the suggestion of the Mayor, to Mr. John C. Cobb for an appraisal.

Mr. Alpheus Sanford appeared for the owner of the Russ land taken for an extension of the Strandway, with reference to a settlement for said land. Mr. Sanford stated that he would submit an offer at a later date.

Mr. [illegible] came before the Board and stated that the New England Telephone Company would build underground conduits at the cost of material and labor; but he could give no estimate of the probable cost. The Secretary was thereupon directed to write to Mr. J. O. Wright for an estimate of cost of conduits, also regarding special rates for city telephones.

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Boston, July 1, [illegible]

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for building a bulkhead near Tenean street were submitted by the City Engineer:

William H. Ryan,	$ 619.
J. N. Hayes	550.
George H. Cavanagh	495.
Alexander McInnis	478.
Wm L. Miller & W. H. Ellis	474.

and the bid of Miller and Ellis was accepted.

Mr. Jackson submitted a bid from Hugh Farrell of thirty-two hundred and forty-three dollars for building sewer extension at N street, which was referred to Mr. Howe to see if Mr. Farrell will consent to any reduction of the amount in view of the disparity between his figure and the engineer's estimate.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver, relating to electric work at Franklin Park refectory was received and placed on file.

A communication from the City Solicitor relating to settlement of the Hall and Grant case was received and laid over.

A communication from Dudley A. Dorr, relating to betterment on the estate of Martha Sumner, et. al., was received and it was

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suits for betterment assessments on account of the laying out of the parkway known as Dorchesterway, upon the basis of a reduction of fifty percent

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of the betterments assessed.

A communication from E. M. Wheelwright, enclosing a letter from Charles Francis Adams relating to set-back on Boylston street for the new Mass. Historical Society Building was received. Messrs Adams and Wheelwright also came before the Board with the plans of the proposed building. After discussion it was

Voted, to accept an agreement from the Massachusetts Historical Society to restrict its land at the corner of Boylston entrance and the Fenway and to consent to a set-back of fifteen feet on Boylston street with the understanding that the set-back on the Fenway will be the full twenty feet unincumbered with any of the projections usually allowed within the reserved space.

A request of Alexander McInnis for extension of time on his contract for wooden piers at North End Beach, was received and it was

Voted, to extend the time for thirty days.

A communication from Perkins and Betton relating to charges for work done on plans and sketches for Field House, Franklin Field, was received and the Chairman was authorized to approve a bill for two per cent of the estimated cost of the proposed building.

A request of the School Committee that the Paris street gymnasium be allowed to be used by the pupils of the public schools in the evening, for certain hours each week, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board intends to close the gymnasium at once for the summer.

A communication from J. G. Dalton, relating to bathing at Cow Pasture, South Boston, also request of Mrs. Susan Johnson that the Board use its influence to prevent a license being granted to the Charlesbank Hotel, corner Cambridge and Charles streets, opposite the park, and request of Maurice McGrath, Ordnance Sergeant at Fort Independence, that he and his family be granted the privilege of the boat service to and from Castle Island, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Mr. Owen for Whittemore, Woodbury and Co. stated that they would require about six weeks to remove their shops from Mystic Playground and rebuild in another location. Subsequently the Secretary was directed to notify them that the Board cannot extend the time for a longer period than is necessary to complete the grading of the playground, which the Superintendent estimates will require about two weeks.

Commodore E. J. Powers and N. F. McCarthy, of the Columbia Yacht Club, came before the Board, and asked that a clause be inserted in the proposed contract for the completion of the Strandway, requiring the contractor to conduct the work so as not to interfere with the floats of the Columbia Yacht Club or access to its club house.

They also asked that early consideration be given to their request for a permanent location to enable them to make arrangements for the erection of a club house to cost five thousand dollars, from plans already submitted to the Board.

The Board took the requests under advisement and subsequently directed the Secretary to ask the Commonwealth Yacht Club what plans it has made with reference to occupying the site on the Strandway which has been designated

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A plan for the underground electric light cable in Arborway at Forest Hills bridge was submitted by the Engineer and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Addicks, engineer of the Boston Gas Company, came before the Board with reference to his application for a permit to construct a main in Dorchesterway. Mr. Addicks stated that the main he desires to lay is not for service but for a feeder made necessary by the act of the Legislature on the terminal facilities which compelled them to withdraw from their North End supplies, and, therefore, they must get connection with the Cow Pasture works to meet the increased demands. They have a 30" main in Mt. Vernon street, a 30" main in Cottage street, and two 30" mains running down Dorchester avenue to Cottage street, and they are now laying mains down Massachusetts avenue; and what they want is to connect the Massachusetts avenue mains with the Mt. Vernon street main. He agreed, if a location is granted in the parkway, to replace the parkway in as good condition as he finds it. It was, thereupon,

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit as requested, the location to be approved by the Superintendent, and the work of relaying the street surface to be done with the use of a steam roller and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

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Boston, July 12, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Dodge, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs. Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. A communication from Criswell, Richardson and Driver regarding the correction of defects in the electric wiring for Franklin Park Refectory, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department relating to telephone conduits at Fens Bank House, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting a detailed plan showing grade of sideroads of the Arborway between Prince and Washington streets with respect to the construction of sewers was received and referred to the Engineer.

A communication from Charles F. Adams regarding agreement as to restrictions for proposed building of Massachusetts Historical Society on Boylston street and the Fenway was received and placed on file.

An invitation from the Chairman of Committee on the Cultivation of Vacant Lots to visit the Industrial Aid "Pingree Potato Patches" in company with the Mayor and others, was received, and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge its receipt, and say that the Board would endeavor to meet the Committee on the ground.

A communication from Councilman Orchard relating to employment of additional laborers, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Commissioners have drafted from the Civil Service Commission all the men that are needed at the present time and do not anticipate a further increase of the force.

A request of H. F. Naphen for information as

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to time when buildings at North End playgrounds will be removed, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of Rev. F. S. Wilson for permission to obtain water from Franklin Park spring, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that it is not necessary to have a permit to take water if taken in ordinary quantities for personal use and at such times as not to interfere with the use of the spring by visitors to the park.

The communication from the City Solicitor relating to the proposed settlement of the Hall and Grant cases was taken from the table and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board consents to an increase of five hundred dollars to the amount to be paid in the Grant case, but must insist on the full restrictions in the Hall case.

A letter of Josiah H. Quincy and others, a committee of West Roxbury Citizen's Association, regarding the work desirable to be done at Billings Field under the special appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars available therefor, was referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

Mr. [illegible] came before the Board with reference to the terms of the lease of the Franklin Park refectory. After consideration and discussion the matter was postponed for one week.

The following vote was passed and a copy signed by the Board and transmitted to the Street Commissioners for concurrent action by said Board and the Mayor:

"The Secretary was directed to request the Street Commissioners to furnish this Board with a copy of any plan which contemplates the laying out of a way to connect Franklin Park with Marine Park over that part of the Park System between Five Corners and Marine Park.

In Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston. July 12, 1897.

Voted: That this Board does hereby determine that the public necessity and convenience require, and does hereby order, that a new bridge be constructed in place of the existing bridge forming a part of Longwood avenue between the City of Boston and Town of Brookline; that the approaches to said bridge and the public ways connected with said approaches, be altered, widened and constructed according to the plans marked "Longwood Avenue Relocation and Bridge, June 9, 1897" deposited in the office of the City Engineer of said City; and that the right to use the land within the boundaries of said new bridge and approaches for said new bridge, approaches and ways be and the same is hereby taken. Said new bridge and approaches are bounded and described as follows: southeast by another part of Longwood avenue, fifty-one and 38/100 feet; northeast by the same, one hundred thirteen and 17/100 feet; again southeast by Autumn Street, five feet; southwest by the southwesterly line of Longwood avenue as hereby relocated, by two measurements, fifteen and 12/100 feet on a straight line and one hundred one and 50/100 feet on a curve of three hundred and twenty feet radius; again southeast by the southeasterly line of Longwood avenue as hereby relocated, on a curve of twenty feet radius twenty-nine and 62/100 feet; northwest by the northwesterly line of Longwood avenue as here-

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by relocated, by two measurements, on a curve of eighteen hundred thirteen and 50/100 feet radius thirteen and 5/100 feet and on a curve of six hundred and ten feet radius seven and 84/100 feet; again southwest by the southwesterly line of Longwood avenue as hereby relocated, two hundred thirty and 5/100 feet; again northwest by the boundary line between the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, sixty-five and 77/100 feet; and again, northeast by the northeasterly line of Longwood avenue as hereby relocated, two hundred fifty-six and 5/100 feet.

Edward W. Hodges
Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton
Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 19, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the City. Also present the Mayor and Messrs Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for completing the sea-wall and grading at the Strandway, between O street and Marine Park, were received and opened:

Simon J. Donovan,	Winthrop,	$79,350.
Hugh Farrell,	Boston	84,532.37
Perkins White & Co		87,600.
P. B. Malone	Cambridge	89,030.
Dennis F. O'Connell	Boston	92,000.
Richardson & Young	Chicago	97,000.
C. H. & C. E. Trumbull	Boston	98,867.

W. S. Simmons, Boston $99,735.

The bids were taken under advisement and subsequently the contract was awarded to Simon J. Donovan under a bond of $27,000 for the fulfilment of the contract.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water Board and accompanying plans showing proposed location of pipes in Jamaica Park and Arborway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for approval of said location.

A communication from the American Surety Company relating to bond for erection and completion of carriage sheds for refectory building, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent with authority to notify the Company when the building is completed and accepted by the Architects.

A communication from Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary Boston School Board, relating to request of said Board that the pupils of the public schools be permitted to use the Paris street gymnasium during the time that the Schools are in session, was received and referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

A communication from the Jamaica Plain League of American Wheelmen protesting against the excessive watering of the parkways; also letter from the managing editor of the Boston Transcript, enclosing a communication to the paper relating to the lack of signs in the Fenway and fines for picking flowers; also communication from D. S. McDonald requesting a driveway across the sidewalk at No. 1 Audubon road, were received and referred to the Superintendent for reply.

At Mr. Pettigrew's suggestion he was authorized to fence Audubon road adjoining the bridge over the railroad tracks.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted bids for plumbing [illegible] 19, 1897.

the temporary buildings at Franklin Field and the matter was referred back to him to order the work done done according to his best judgment.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report on improvements at Dorchester Park recommending a little widening and levelling at the entrance from Dorchester avenue, fixed seats and a shelter, all to cost not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars, and it was

Voted, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work in accordance with his recommendation

A request of the Department of Municipal Statistics for a complete set of reports of the department, was received and referred to the Secretary to comply with the request so far as the files of the department will permit.

A communication from Herbert E. Wheat requesting an early settlement for property taken for North End Playground, was received and the matter was referred to Mr. [illegible] C. Cobb with instructions to examine the property taken for the playground and report thereon with any suggestions regarding a settlement with Mr. Wheat that he may think fit to make.

The request of J. B. Tippett, chief consul Massachusetts Division L. A. W. for copy of act constituting the Board of Park Commissioners, and rules and information concerning the management of the parks; also communication from Thomas Hills relating to location of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A conference was held with C. M. Ingersoll Jr. regarding the communication of the City Engineer enclosing bill of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. for additional expense of carrying the railroad over the parkway at Forest Hills, with copies of correspondence and report of Assistant Engineer relating thereto. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the bill was based upon the actual cost of the work to them under the contract and if the charges exceeded the estimates he did not see how it could be avoided. After discussion the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the City Engineer and [illegible] regarding the amount which the City should pay.

Mr. Peters, agent for the [illegible] Electric [illegible] relating [illegible] appeared before the Board in regard to the extension of said company's agreement to put in the underground system preparatory to lighting the road pathways and [illegible]. The Commissioners intimated that they [illegible] a better offer for this service than his company had made. Mr. Peters said that he thought that his company would make a reduction in price, and the Commissioners suggested that he send a communication to the Board stating what reduction the company was willing to make.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

Voted, that the Chairman request the Mayor to [illegible] for intoxication, neglect of duty and general laziness, also

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to reopen the East Boston gymnasium with a janitor in charge and such other assistants as are absolutely required.

At the request of the Mayor it was

Voted, to meet the Mayor in town on Wednesdays at 2.30 o'clock, beginning next week.

Messrs. [illegible] McKeefe and [illegible], representing the Brick Layers Union came before the Board and stated that the practice of the Board had been to build the walls and catch basins by day labor. Mr. McKeefe said that he had been continually employed for nine years until last May when the Superinten-

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that superintended the masons and since then have done the work by contract. Mr. Stratton stated that the Board has no intention of changing its policy of using the force where it can be done advantageously and there is no intention of substituting contract work for day labor.

Mr. John C. Dobb came before the Board and reported that he had examined the lands proposed to be added to the Fellows street playground and conferred with the owners of the estates which will be taken. He recommended settlements on the terms of agreements which he had secured from all but one of the owners, which latter estate he valued at $3200 and the owner asked $3500. It was thereupon

Voted, that there be purchased of Patrick Garrity a parcel of land situate on Hunneman street, in Boston, containing two thousand four hundred and eighty three square feet, more or less, and that there be paid to the said Patrick Garrity the sum of two thousand dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the Law Department, free from all incumbrances, except the tax assessed May 1, 1917, and that the Chairman sign a requisition on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellows Street Playground, Additional Land.

Voted, that there be purchased of Hannah Barry a parcel of land situate on Fellows street, in Boston, containing two thousand six hundred and thirty-nine square feet, more or less, and that there be paid to the said Hannah Barry the sum of three thousand dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the Law Department, free from all incumbrances, except the tax assessed May 1, 1917, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellow's Street Playground, Additional Land.

Voted, that there be purchased of Owen Sullivan a parcel of land situate on Hunneman street, in Boston, containing [illegible] hundred and forty-five square feet, more or less, and that there be paid to the said Owen Sullivan the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the Law Department, free from all incumbrances except the tax assessed May 1, 1897, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellow's Street Playground, Additional Land.

Voted, that there be purchased of Charles N. Fairbairn a parcel of land situate on Hunneman street, in Boston containing [illegible] hundred and nine-ty-nine square feet, more or less, and that there be paid to the said Charles N. Fairbairn the sum of [illegible] hundred dollars, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the Law Department, free from all incumbrances except the tax assessed May 1, 1897, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellow's Street, Playground, Additional Land.

Voted, that there be purchased of John McSweeny a parcel of land situate on Fellows Street, in Boston containing [illegible] hundred and [illegible]-ty-nine square feet, more or less, and that there

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be paid to the said John McSweeny the sum of four thousand one hundred dollars, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the Law Department, free from all incumbrances except the tax assessed May 1, 1897, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said Superintendent, amount to be charged to the appropriation for [illegible] Street Playground, Additional Land.

The Secretary was directed to prepare papers for taking all of the estates including the City's land, now in the playground.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted an offer of Frank J. [illegible] to furnish filling at [illegible] Street playground at 30 cents per cubic yard, cart measurement, and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent to secure a proposal for said material measured in the fill.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to include the traffic road over the hill (over the hill) opposite the Arboretum in the work to be done this season on the Arborway.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to build the central path in Arborway twelve feet instead of fifteen feet in width.

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Boston, July 27, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe and Pettigrew.

Preliminary plans for playgrounds at Neponset and Dorchester Town Field and report on the same were received from the Landscape Architects and referred to the engineer for an estimate of the cost of constructing them.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a proposal of Frank J. Hannon to furnish filling for M street playground at 35 cents per cubic yard measured in the fi[illegible] and it was

Voted, to accept the proposal and authorize the Superintendent to have the work done.

The Superintendent reported that the Police Department offers to pay half the cost of installing the telephone conduit at Marine Park, and it was

Voted, to accept the proposition and to authorize Mr. Cottle to treat with the Telephone Company regarding the placing of telephones at Marine Park, Wood Island Park and Charlesbank.

A proposition of the Rockport Granite Company to furnish twelve hundred linear feet of granite coping to complete the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible]ham at the Strandway, was received, and it was

Voted, to request the Mayor to authorize a contract to be made with the Rockport Granite Company for said coping, without advertising.

The order of the Board of [illegible] [illegible] that the bathhouse in process of construction at Wood Island Park be immediately opened for public use, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from Charles H. Rollins, calling attention to the condition of the strip of land between the curbing and the sidewalk in front of the premises corner Beacon Street and Commonwealth Avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A proposition of Hugh Farrell for building an extension of the N street sewer for $2,817. was received and it was

Voted, to request the Mayor to authorizing the making of a contract without advertising.

A communication from the Civil Service Commis-

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mission requesting information regarding the standing of E. K. Garvin and Daniel A. Story as inspectors on contract work, also a request of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for leave to place underground service in the Men's bath house, North End Beach, were received and referred to the Secretary [illegible]

A communication from R. Clipston Sturgis stating that work on the men's side of the bathing establishment, North End Beach, was delaying the completion of the entire bath house, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Alexander McInnis that he must prosecute the work with greater speed or the Board will be compelled to terminate the contract.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets offering to furnish stone screenings from the [illegible] crusher, [illegible] street, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the City Point Rowing Association for a temporary location for its boat house on the Strandway was received and referred to the Superintendent with full power to designate a location for the remainder of the season.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. [illegible] that the Board regrets that previous appointments interfered with its giving him a hearing and to refer him to Mr. Cobb with reference to a settlement for the land taken from him for the North End Playground.

The Secretary was directed to subscribe for Garden and Forest from January 1st. for the use of the Board.

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be requested to complete the grading plans for the extension of the driveways at the Arnold Arboretum as soon as possible.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report on the application of the Metropolitan Water Board for permission to lay pipes in the parkway between Perkins street and Washington Street, recommending that same be granted under certain conditions relative to the disposal of surplus material and the restoration of the surface of the ground after the work is done. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the Superintendent's report to the Metropolitan Water Board, notifying them that a permit would be issued upon the acceptance by said Board of said conditions.

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be requested to complete the grading plans for the Strand, [illegible] [illegible].

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Boston, August 2, 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Dudley, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report and plans were received from the Landscape Architects for playgrounds at two locations on the marsh and flats of the Strandway adjoining the Old Colony railroad and 9th street and the plans were referred to the Superintendent for an estimate of cost to be submitted to the Mayor.

The Superintendent reported recommendations regarding works of improvement on Leverett and Jamaica Parks and Arborway, which was laid over to the next meeting.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven regarding the sgraffito work on the Head House, was received and referred to Asst. Solicitor [illegible].

A communication from Alexander Kline regarding the absence of electric lights on the parkway leading to Wood Island Park, was received and

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referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water Board consenting to changes in the line of the 48 inch pipes across park lands between Perkins street and the driveway, also relating to specifications for said work was received and referred to the Superintendent for reply.

A communication from A. M. Mattick, calling attention to the [illegible] of [illegible] by cyclists making a practice of taking their wheels [illegible], was received and referred to the Superintendent to look into the complaint and take action necessary to stop the practice.

The following list of proposals received July 30, 1897. for building Longwood avenue bridge was submitted by [illegible]:

Woodbury & Leighton	Boston	$115,000.
Norcross Bros.	〃	118,537.
Foley, Shay & Co.	〃	120,907.05
Colbrook, Cabot & Daley	Newton	122,200.
E. W. Everson & Co	Boston	124,000.
D. F. O'Connell	〃	127,600.
McHale, O'Connor & Co	〃	127,854.
C. H. Wellington & J. J. McCarthy	N. Oxford & Fklin	129,492.
Smith & McCormick	Easton, Pa.	129,562.
[illegible] Hays & Co.	Boston	136,814.
[illegible]	〃	137,300.
Joseph Ross & Fowler	〃	143,595.
Winslow & Co.	West Berlin	145,996.
A. J. Wellington	Boston	153,000.
Richardson & Young	〃	155,000.
Geo. W. Judd	〃	163,435.
W. H. Ward	Lowell	163,464.
P. B. Malone	Mt. Auburn	166,059.
Chas. A. & Chas. E. Trumbull	Boston	168,071.
Chas. H. Dodge	〃	171,769.

and it was

Voted, to concur with the Park Commissioners of

Brookline in awarding the contract to the lowest bidder.

At the suggestion of the Chairman that two additional electric lights be placed on the pier at Marine Park, it was

Voted, to refer the matter to Mr. Cottle, Chief of Electrical Construction, to carry out Mr. Gilbert's plan for additional electric lights if said plan is satisfactory.

The Superintendent reported on the communication of Josiah H. Quincy and Carlton Keyes of Committee of West Roxbury Citizens' Association, requesting that certain work be done to prepare Billings Field for use as a playground, that the drainage of the field should be first undertaken. The Secretary was thereupon directed to confer with the Engineer and write to the Superintendent of Streets calling his attention to the necessity of providing for the surface drainage of the district including Billings Field.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to open one wing of the Women's Bathhouse, at North End Beach, for the use of men, to place an attendant in charge and furnish a limited number of bathing suits.

The Secretary was directed to notify Alderman Paige that it is not the intention of the Board to place tide-gates at the outlet of the N street sewer, as this extension is merely an overflow and it is a matter for the Street Department to attend to.

Voted, that the City Engineer be requested to detail, from time to time, such engineers and assistants as may be required by the Superintendent to do the engineering required for the work under his direction, and that he now assign Asst. Engineer C. E. Putnam, transitman W. B. [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible],

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and rodman R. K. Howard for work under the Superintendent.

A hearing was given to A. D. Weld and Francis C. Welch, trustees, on the question of damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway. Mr. Weld asked 8½ cents per foot or about $17,500. After discussion the matter was taken under advisement. Subsequently the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Weld that the Board will pay $15,500, without interest.

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Boston, August 9, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Mr. Stratton being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from the Landscape Architects relating to grading plans for driveways in Arnold Arboretum and West Roxbury Parkway also suggesting that a brief statistical statement relative to playgrounds in the vicinity of the schools be prepared for the Annual Report, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Assistant Solicitor Child recommending the repairing of the sgraffito work on the Head House, Marine Park, was received, and it was

Voted, to request the Superintendent to confer with John Evans & Co., and secure a proposition for making the repairs.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting that Longwood Avenue bridge be put in charge of the contractors, or this department, was received and the Secretary was directed to arrange with Mr. French for the transfer of the bridge as soon as the contracts are signed.

A communication from Ira C. Hersey, attorney for Mr. Dooling, relating to request of the Board that Mr. Dooling make some arrangement regarding the refectory matter for the balance of the season, and stating that they were unable to come to an understanding with Mr. Cusick, was received, read and placed on file.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting this Board to investigate the truth of the alleged high prices charged for baths at the Head House and report at the next meeting of the Board, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A resolution of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor requesting the Park Commissioners to provide that Union men shall be employed in the Franklin Park Refectory and other buildings in charge of the department, also communication from S. H. Hatheway expressing gratification at the excellent condition of Franklin Park, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Arthur P. Stone and recommendations of members of the Board of Aldermen regarding application of Peter J. Mullen for position of Superintendent of M street Playground, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. John C. Cobb came before the Board and reported on the conferences held by him with Herbert E. Wheat and Vito A. Lespasio regarding the lands taken from them for the North End Playground.

Mr. Cobb stated that Mr. Lespasio has three pieces assessed for $9400. His rents are $150 per month or $1800 per annum. He claims to have paid $18,000. for the property and spent $1500. on it for repairs. He said that something might be done with Wheat and Lespasio for about twice the valuation and did not think it would be worth while to offer much less. He submitted Mr. Wead's report on the value of the property taken

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for the North End Playground. The matter was thereupon laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Hunter, leader of the orchestra at the Franklin Park refectory, complained to the Board that he had not received pay for his work from Mr. Cusick since August 4th and that Cusick had made remarks derogatory to the Board. Mr. Hunter's statement which was put in writing, was read and placed on file.

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Boston, August 10, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City.

It was

Voted, to lease the Head House at Marine Park, to L. E. Bow on the terms of the agreement already drawn up and approved by the Board.

Subsequently the Board discussed with the Mayor the condition of matters at the Franklin Park refectory and

Voted, to decline the applications of James Dooling and the Dooling Catering Company for a lease of the refectory, and to notify them to vacate the building by Thursday night.

It was also agreed with the Mayor that the refectory be leased for the balance of the season to James J. Dooling, provided that he furnish proper security for the performance of the conditions of the lease.

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Boston, August 11, 1897.

A conference was held with the Mayor at 11.30 A.M. regarding a settlement of the claims of Jones and Meehan under their contract for work on the Strandway. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt and the City Engineer. Mr. Jones and his counsel, Mr. Joseph J. Corbett, were also present.

Mr. Corbett stated that they had expended $47,600 and that they ask that they be paid this amount and an allowance for personal services of Jones and Meehan, and for the use of machinery and tools, less the amount already paid by the City. The matter was referred to Mr. Jackson to see Mr. Baily on Friday and report to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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Boston, August 12, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office 35 Congress st., Boston, at 12 M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City.

It was

Voted, to lease the Franklin Park refectory to James J. Dooling until January 1, 1898.

The lease was signed and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, August 17, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson and Pettigrew. The records of the last

August 17, 1897. meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relating to the necessity of taking additional land for Brighton Playground, owing to a contemplated change of line of Charles River Reservation by the Metropolitan Park Commission, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relating to the layout of the district between the Fens and Brookline avenue south of the Boston and Albany railroad, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Howe's statement of the cost of completing the construction of the several parks and playgrounds was received and placed on file.

A communication from John P. Leahy relating to the condition of [illegible] between Pond street and Dorchester avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets enclosing a report from the engineers of the Sewer Division of the Street Department on the drainage of Billings Field, West Roxbury, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The approval of the Mayor to the making of a contract with the Cape Ann Granite Company for 1200 lineal feet of granite coping for use on the Strandway, without advertising, was received and it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to accept the company's proposal for said work.

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed June 23, 1897, a parcel of land in Charlestown belonging to the Boston and Maine Railroad was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said Boston and Maine Railroad the sum of fifty thousand dollars upon its proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Ward 3.

A request of the Police Department for consent to the placing of a police signal box in Marine Park, on or near the Head House, was received and referred to the Superintendent to grant a location.

A report of the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department on arc lights for Marine Park was received and referred to the Secretary to investigate the matter further and report to the Board.

The applications of [illegible] and Thomas Whittell for a lease of the refectory, Franklin Park, were received and placed on file.

A communication from D. Henry Cram relating to guy posts on Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East, the report of the Superintendent of Printing, for instructions regarding the removal of posts, were received and referred to the Secretary for filing.

The Secretary was authorized to employ a boy in the office during vacations.

Mr. Cottle reported that the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company will do the same in regard to telephones at Marine Park, Wood Island Park and Charlesbank as they offered to do at Pine Bank; namely, to furnish and draw in the wires for their lines free of expense and assume half the cost of digging and refilling the trenches. It was, thereupon,

Voted, to accept the proposition of the Telephone Company and to notify Mr. Cottle to proceed with the work.

A communication from William Nichols Tolman regarding the use of seats in the masonry recesses of Stony Brook bridge, was received and referred to the Superin

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intendent.

Mr. Jackson submitted plan for an iron fence or railing on the piers at North End Beach, and it was
Voted, that the Superintendent procure estimates for
constructing the fence in accordance with said plan.

The Superintendent submitted a preliminary plan for furnishing sanitary conveniences and drinking fountains in the public parks.

Mr. Pettigrew reported on the location of a band stand at North End Beach, as requested by the Mayor, and the matter was referred to him with power to act on the location of a stand.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to build
a shelter at Dorchester Park in accordance with plan submitted by him.

The Superintendent reported an offer of Edward Welch to furnish about 2,000 cubic yards, of filling at North Brighton Playground, at 50 cents per cubic yard, and it was
Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase
filling in accordance with said proposition.

The Superintendent recommended the appropriation of six or seven hundred dollars for engine and boiler for crushing plant at the Arnold Arboretum, and the Superintendent was authorized to procure estimates in accordance with his recommendation.

Messrs Howard Coon and D. S. McDonald came before the Board regarding the entrance into Audubon road of the passageway between their estates. They offered to take care of that part of the passageway across the sidewalk if the Board would take out the curbstone, make the return and macadamize the entrance across the planting strip. They claimed that it was an oversight on the part of the Department not to have provided for the passageway when the curb was set. It was, thereupon,

Voted, to authorize the Superintendent to remove the curb
and planting strip from across the entrance of

the passageway and to macadamize the same to the outer edge of the walk.

A hearing was given to Jones and Meehan and their counsel, Mr Joseph J. Corbett, regarding their claim for compensation for work on the Strandway. Mr. Corbett stated that the Engineer offered $1.50 extra for piles and that the piles cost $6. instead of $3. and that the loss to them even with the $1.50 extra allowed by the Engineer would be $3000. He said a moderate sum for personal services and use of machinery would be three thousand dollars for each item in addition to the $47,610.31 which had been paid out or $53,610.31

Mr. Corbett admitted that Mr. Jones at the conference at the Mayor's office stated that they might accept in settlement, the actual amount paid out. He said, however, that the City would be justified in paying, in addition, the very reasonable sums asked for personal services and use of machinery.

Mr. Jackson submitted a statement of the amount due under the contract and the additional amount which he would allow for the piles driven. Subsequently it was

Voted, to offer $12,386.83 to Jones and Meehan in settlement of all claims under their contract for sea-wall and grading at the Strandway, and the privilege of removing whatever stock they have on the premises.

The Board estimated the expense of taking additional land for Fellows Street Playground as follows:

Hannah Barry	2639	sq. ft.	$3,000.
John Mc. Weeny	2639	" "	4,100.
Charles N. Fairbairn	999	" "	900.
Owen Sullivan	1045	" "	850.
Patrick [illegible]	2413	" "	2,000.
Margaret Finnerty,	1700	" "	3,200.
	11,485	" "	$14,050.

and passed the following act of taking:

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"The City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by Chapter 325 of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its Board of Park Commissioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land situate in that part of said Boston formerly called Roxbury, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City:- a parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston bounded southeasterly by Fellows street 105 56/100 feet; southwesterly by land of Hannah Barry 91 feet; again southeasterly by said land of Hannah Barry, and land of John McWeeny 58 feet; again southwesterly by land of Patrick H. Garrity 45 feet; northwesterly by a private way called Brown street 20 32/100 feet; again southwesterly by the end of said way and by land supposed to belong to Thomas Doyle by a line running through the center of the brick partition wall 57 38/100 feet; again northwesterly by land supposed to belong to James F. Dooley 143 58/100 feet; and northeasterly by lands supposed to belong to Bridget Dooley, Ellen Lynch, John Lynch, Patrick Garrity and the Heirs or Devisees of Owen Mullane 197 47/100 feet; containing 25,470 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Hannah Barry bounded southeasterly by Fellows street 29 feet; southwesterly by land of John McWeeny 91 feet; northwesterly by land hereinbefore described 29 feet; and northeasterly by the same 91 feet; containing 2,639 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to John McWeeny bounded southeasterly by Fellows street 29 feet;

southwesterly by lands of Margaret Finnerty, Charles N. Fairbairn, and Owen Sullivan 91 feet; northwesterly by land first hereinbefore described, 29 feet; and northeasterly by land of Hannah Barry 91 feet: Containing 2,639 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Margaret Finnerty bounded southeasterly by Fellows street 32 50/100 feet; southwesterly by Hunneman street 46 86/100 feet; northwesterly by land of Charles N. Fairbairn 41 25/100 feet; and northeasterly by land of John McSteeny 46 10/100 feet: containing 1,700 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Charles N. Fairbairn bounded southwesterly by Hunneman street 23 39/100 feet; northwesterly by land of Owen Sullivan 45 66/100 feet; northeasterly by land of John McSteeny 23 feet; and southeasterly by land of Margaret Finnerty 41 25/100 feet: containing 999 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Owen Sullivan bounded southwesterly by Hunneman street 22 25/100 feet; northwesterly by land of Patrick H. Garrity 49 85/100 feet; northeasterly by land of John McSteeny 21 90/100 feet; and southeasterly by land of Charles N. Fairbairn 45 66/100 feet: containing 1,045 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Patrick H. Garrity bounded Southwesterly by Hunneman street 45 81/100 feet; northwesterly by a private way called Brown street 58 47/100 feet; northeasterly by land first hereinbefore described 45 feet; and southeasterly by land of Owen Sullivan 49 85/100 feet: containing 2,436 square feet, more or less.

Also the fee and soil of said private way called Brown street reserving to all persons legally entitled thereto and their heirs and assigns such rights as they may have in said Brown-

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street as a way. Also reserving to all persons legally entitled to the same, their heirs and assigns, such rights, if any, as they may have to use as a sidewalk a strip five feet wide along the northwest side of said parcel of land described as belonging to Patrick H. Garrity.

All of said parcels of land are shown on a plan of Fellows Street Playground, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated August 17, 1897, and on file in the office of said City Engineer.

City of Boston.
by E. C. Hodges
Laban Pratt
Charles E. Stratton
The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 19, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office at 12 M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton.

A form of lease for the refectory, Franklin Park, prepared by the Corporation Counsel, was received and approved, and it was

Voted, to lease the refectory to John A. Pettigrew for the remainder of the current year and to send the lease to the Mayor for his approval.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 23, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt, Stratton and Wheelwright. Also present the Mayor and Messrs. Vinne and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that he had appointed John T. Wheelwright under authority of Chapter 2 Section 2, of revised ordinances to temporarily perform the duties of a park commissioner. Mr Edward C. Hodges having resigned

The Board, thereupon, reorganized by the choice of Charles E. Stratton as Chairman, and Laban Pratt as Chairman pro. tem. It was also

Voted, that John T. Wheelwright be authorized to sign drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro. tem.

The question of securing a new tenant for running the Franklin Park refectory was considered and it was

Voted, to invite proposals by advertisement from experienced caterers to run the refectory the remainder of the year.

Voted, that Mr. Wheelwright and Mr. Jackson be authorized to negotiate a settlement of the matters in controversy between Jones and [illegible] and the Board, subject to the approval of the Board.

A communication from A. Davis Weld relating to proposition for settlement of land damages was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Weld regarding the proposed change of line recommended by the Landscape Architects, which takes additional land from the Weld estate.

Estimates for band stand at North End Beach, received through the Public Buildings Department were referred to the Superintendent with full power.

A request of Street Commissioners Dore, Innis and Duane that J. J. Monahan be permanently employed on the First Street Playground was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Pettigrew recommended the appointment of Charles Dawson to the position of planter, made vacant by the resignation of Thomas J. [illegible], and it was

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Voted, to authorize the Superintendent to make said appointment, also to make requisition on the Civil Service Commissioners for two foremen.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to pay 50¢ per cubic yard for not exceeding 5000 cubic yards of loam required for Jamaica Park.

The Landscape Architects' plan of North End Playground was taken from the files and referred to the Superintendent.

The Mayor stated that his action in the case of Dennis Walsh was that he would approve his suspension for one month. It was, thereupon,

Voted, to approve the action of the Superintendent in his suspension of Dennis Walsh, as recommended by the Mayor.

A communication from Julius Pratt, stating that he had insured the Men's Bath house at North End Beach for Gerry and Northup and that the insurance of the pier should be placed in the same company, was received and the Secretary was authorized to place temporary insurance on the westerly pier through Mr. Pratt's agency.

Voted, that the rules adopted for the use and government of the public parks be amended by striking out the words "faster than" wherever they occur in said rules, and inserting in place thereof the words "at a rate of speed exceeding."

Mr. Pettigrew stated that at the request of the Mayor he had estimates made of the expense of fencing and grading about three acres of North Brighton Playground amounting to $3287.00 which work he recommended to be done. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to proceed with the work at Brighton Playground in accordance with his recommendation.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 30, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pettigrew reported on the claim of C. A. Fajon for damages caused by collision with a barricade across the driveway at Boylston bridge that there were two red lanterns on the barricade, and that Mr. Fajon did not [illegible]

Voted, leave to withdraw on said petition.

Plans for revision of the planting about the John Boyle O'Reilly monument were submitted by the Landscape Architects and referred to the Superintendent.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a path along the Perkins street shore of Jamaica Pond with a moderate width and the least possible disturbance of present conditions, also to secure the additional loam necessary for the slopes.

The matter of Mr. Ruter's entrance on the parkway was referred to Mr. Wheelwright for consideration and report.

The Superintendent reported an occurrence which happened in the Fenway and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the Superintendent's report to the Police Commissioners with a request that the department in general and officer 1661 in particular be notified that officers are expected to use discretion in enforcing the rules and particularly with [illegible] the parks for pleasure.

A request of the Street Commissioners for a conference with the Board on the subject of the construction of a sewer in Neptune Road, East Boston, was received and the Secretary was directed to request them to submit a plan of the proposed sewer, and also to prepare plans for the surface drainage of the district, including Neptune Road.

A communication from the Fire Commissioners [illegible]

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to an additional fire alarm box at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The approval of the Mayor to the making of a contract with Hugh Farrell for building a sewer at the foot of N street, South Boston, without advertising was received, and it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to accept Mr. Farrell's proposition for doing said work.

The offer of Holbrook and Company, agents, to settle land damages of the Heirs of George W. Cushing and George W. Smith for $17,000. and 1897 taxes was received and it was

Voted, to refer the matter to Mr. John C. Cobb for examination and report.

A communication from the manager of the Protective Coin-Lock Company, offering to equip the park system with their bicycle checking system, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of James L. Walsh, instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, for three week's leave of absence, was received and the Superintendent was authorized to give him two weeks leave of absence.

A communication from [illegible] Dooling, with a copy of a communication addressed to the Mayor, relating to lease of refectory, Franklin Park; also applications from him and from the Dooling Catering Company for lease of the refectory, were received and placed on file.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Mayor that, in answer to the advertisement of the Franklin Park refectory, there were virtually no applications, and that on account of the lateness of the season the Board will defer action until next year but will keep the building open for visitors.

The Secretary was directed to notify the City Point Rowing Association that a contract has been made with Hugh Farrell for constructing an extension of the N. street sewer, and that it will be necessary for the association to remove its building before Friday night if it desires to do so, otherwise the contractor will be obliged to leave it [illegible].

A communication was received from the Landscape Architects accompanying a plan of driveway on Peters Hill, and consideration thereof was postponed in order to give Professor Sargent an opportunity to examine the plan.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 1, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. The Mayor was also present.

Mr. Wheelwright reported that he had held several conferences with Counsel for Jones and Meehan and that they offered to show that contractor Donovan was paying $6. for piles driven by him on the Strandway, whereas the City Engineer allowed only $4.50, and that at Mr. Jackson's suggestion, they had agreed to compromise the matter by splitting the difference which, including $2500. for stock on hand, would make a total payment of $16,536.83 in full for all claims. It was thereupon

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Jones and Meehan the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred and thirty-six and 83/100 dollars upon their giving an agreement that the contract for doing work on the Strandway shall be terminated, and that said sum shall be accepted in full for all claims and demands of said Jones and Meehan or their assigns for work done and materials furnished under said contract, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks; Strandway.

A communication was received from John [illegible] Hall

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recommending a settlement with Margaret Finnerty for thirty-three hundred and fifty dollars; and it was

Voted, that whereas, by an act of this Board passed August 17, 1897, a parcel of land containing seventeen hundred square feet, more or less, situate on Henneman and Fellows street in Boston, belonging to Margaret Finnerty, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said Margaret Finnerty the sum of thirty-three hundred and fifty dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellows Street Playground, Additional Land.

Congressman Fitzgerald came before the Board and stated that the erection of the bandstand at the North End Beach as now proposed interfered with ball playing and similar games on the playground, and that the persons who were instrumental in having the bandstand located there would prefer to have it on the pier or in some other location. The Commissioners agreed to meet Mr. Fitzgerald on the ground and view the situation.

A hearing was given to the Harvard Improvement Association and owners of real estate in the vicinity of Blue Hill avenue and Canterbury street at Franklin Park. Mr. John W. [illegible] stated that Blue Hill avenue had been cut down and the natural slope of Franklin Park was in process of being changed and

Objection was made by the abutters to the filling of the slope and the request made that the proposed grade be lowered. The embankment is now from six to eight feet above the street line and a wall is now being erected which, with the embankment cuts off the view of the park from the street. We now ask for this second hearing in the hope that something may be done, to improve the condition in which we find ourselves. There is no artificial barrier on Seaver street and on other boundaries and there seems to us no good reason why this side of the park should be treated differently from the others.

At the last meeting the abutters asked the Board to make an entrance from the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Canterbury street. They now ask that the Board make the entrance as requested and if possible, remove the bank or reduce its height so that the view of the park from this side will not be entirely cut off.

The Harvard Improvement Association of 250 or 300, [illegible] of [illegible] living, [illegible] estate had passed votes requesting that the bank be removed.

Mr. Casey stated that some of the witnesses would testify to the [illegible] number of visitors [illegible] on bicycles or on foot who desire to enter the park at the corner referred to and that an entrance at this point would relieve the much crowded and dangerous entrances at Columbia street and Glen lane which are opposite cross thoroughfares, and at the virtual terminus of the electric car lines. The springs on the Circuit Drive at Abbotswood are also a place much frequented by bicycles and, a connection with Blue Hill avenue, which has been made a boulevard to the Blue Hills, would seem to be a necessity at this point. If the filling were reduced the material could be used to good advantage on the slopes nearer the driveway. They all argued that the bank

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as now existing is a detriment to all those owning property on that side of the park.

Mr. Batchelder stated that they did not so much object to the wall as to the raising of the ground higher than the wall, and the planting of trees which will entirely cut off the view of the park from Blue Hill avenue. The view which formerly existed was the finest of any about the park.

Mr. Barry submitted a list of those who appeared to object and the matter was taken under consideration by the Board.

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Boston, September 7, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also present Messrs Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting and of special meeting Sept 1st were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for boiler and engine for the crusher plant at the Arboretum from the Peter Machine Company, J. H. Houghton, Pierce and Miller, and the Ames Iron Works, recommending the purchase of an Ames engine and boiler.

It was, therefore,

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase an engine and boiler from the Ames Iron Works, at a price not exceeding $726.00

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a sketch for a fixed seat which had been found useful in the parks of other cities, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent construct a specimen seat for the inspection of the Board.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct the drainage for the portion of the drive on Peters Hill already graded.

A communication from Fire Commissioner, H. S. Russell, relating to expense of locating a box at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Commissioner of Wires, Thomas W. Flood, relating to the insulation of electric poles in public parks, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Police Department relating to the interpretation of the ordinances was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A notice from the Street Commissioners of the order for the laying out and construction of Columbia road from Franklin Park to Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

A request of Cullen Brothers for permission to cross the park roads from Boylston street extension to Peterboro street on each end, for transportation of material for construction of sewer along Peterboro street, was received and it was

Voted, that a permit be granted subject to the conditions imposed by the Superintendent to protect the property of the department and put the driveway in good order at the completion of the work.

A request of the Engineer of the Meter Service to be informed as to the disposition made of two meters taken from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of Stephen A. Smith that the watering of the park roads be dispensed with on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Secretary was authorized to employ Mr. H. E. Sweet to look into Mr. Bow's accounts at the Head House, with a view to getting at the gross receipts of the business during the present season.

The following bids were received in building [illegible]

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iron railing on the pier and abutment walls at North End Beach:

James Russell Boiler Works Co.	So. Boston	$3,662.00
Chelmsford Foundry Co.	Boston	4,124.63
Berlin Iron Bridge Company	E. Berlin, Conn.	4,179.00
N. A. Snow & Co.	Boston	4,670.00
The Van Dorn Iron Works Co.		4,775.00
P. J. Dinn	"	6,644.00

The contract was awarded to the James Russell Boiler Works Company and the amount of bonds required was fixed at $1200.

Mr. A. Davis Weld came before the Board with reference to his claim for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway. Mr. Weld stated that he would settle for the amount named in his letter of August 17th, and sell the additional land required for three cents per foot. The Board took the matter under consideration.

Mr. Wheelwright reported on the subject of Mr. Rueter's entrance on the parkway, which was referred to him at the last meeting, that, in his opinion, it would be sufficient to fence up the entrance temporarily, post a notice and record it in the Registry of Deeds.

Voted, that it is the sense of the Board that no procession shall hereafter receive a permit to form on Commonwealth avenue.

Voted, that the Superintendent may permit, at North End Beach while the same is unimproved, children of both sexes not more than Grammar School age to play such games within such hours and on such parts of the beach as he may approve.

Mr. Cobb came before the Board and submitted agreements with Vito A. Lespasio, Michele Pozzi and Joseph [illegible] Bergman for a settlement of damages for the lands taken from the two former for the North End Playground as follows: Lespasio $18,700. with interest and taxes; Pozzi $4,300. with an additional $300 to Bergman for a release of his claims under a certain agreement of sale by Pozzi.

Mr. Cobb stated that these settlements were as favorable as could be made under the conditions which have inflated the value of property in this locality.

The Commissioners took the offers under consideration and referred them to Mr. Wheelwright to confer with the City Solicitor.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a letter from the Landscape Architects regarding a proposed underground tool house and sanitary building for Commonwealth avenue, and the Secretary was directed to procure from the Board of Health any plans for similar structures which they may have.

Geo. F. Clark
Sec'y.

Boston, September 8, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office at 12 M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Mr. John E. Cobb was also present.

Mr. Wheelwright reported that he had conferred with the City Solicitor regarding the settlements recommended by Mr. Cobb at the last meeting, and that Mr. Babson was of opinion that it would be to the interest of the City to accept settlements for the property taken for the North End Playground on the basis of from 75% to 100% increase over the assessed valuation. It was thereupon

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 25, 1897, a parcel of land containing sixteen hundred and eighty-two square feet, more or less, situate on Prince street in Boston, belonging to Vito A. Lespasio was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded

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and paid to said Vito A. Lespasio the sum of nineteen thousand and forty-five and 95/100 dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 25, 1897, a parcel of land containing five hundred and one square feet, more or less, situate on Bennet avenue in Boston, belonging to Michele Pozzo and Filomena Pozzo was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Michele Pozzo and Filomena Pozzo the sum of four thousand, three hundred dollars upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Joseph L. Wegman the assignee of a certain agreement made by Michele Pozzi and Filomena Pozzi, of the first part, and Vito A. Lespasio of the second part, for the sale and purchase of the premises numbered eleven (11) Bennet avenue, the sum of three hundred dollars upon his giving a release, acquittance and discharge of all claims and demands whatever for damages, costs, expenses and compensation on account of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said judgment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, September 13, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Landscape Architects accompanying plan for North Brighton or Western avenue Playground, stating the need of additional land, was received, read and placed on file, and the Engineer was authorized to have surveys made in accordance with the plans.

A communication from Mayor Quincy enclosing a letter from John J. Hastings requesting information whether arrangements are to be made for skating at M street Playground this winter, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that it is the intention of the Board to arrange for skating at M street Playground, provided its appropriation for Maintenance will warrant the expense.

A communication from Chairman Martin of the Police Board relating to the construction given to the park ordinances by Officer 1661, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A petition in favor of providing a temporary foot bridge at or near Longwood avenue during construction of the new bridge, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Teresa May in relation to

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[illegible] the [illegible] land was [illegible] and referred to the Superintendent.

A plan for electric light locations at Jamaica Park was approved and referred to the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department for a report on the expense of doing said work.

The Superintendent reported that he had been unable to get any offers of loam for Jamaica Park at 50 cents per cubic yard and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for bids for loam for any quantity up to 2,000 cubic yards for Jamaica Park.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to close the North End Bath House at his discretion.

The Superintendent was requested to examine the plans for underground public conveniences received from the Board of Health, to see if the plans are applicable to the proposed construction of underground tool houses and sanitary conveniences at Commonwealth avenue.

A communication from Fire Commissioner, H. S. Russell, relating to expense of placing an alarm box at the Head House, was received and placed on file.

The Board estimated the expense of taking a parcel of land on Fairview street for an extension of the Arnold Arboretum, from Catherine F. Hickey at $700, and passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners,
September 13, 1897.

Whereas, the undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of and according to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An act for the laying out of public parks in or near the City of Boston," being Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1875, deem it desirable to take the following described parcel of land situate in that part of said Boston which was formerly West Roxbury, for the purposes of a public park: Now, therefore, we the said Board of Park Commissioners by the authority conferred upon us by the said Act and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, have taken and hereby do take and locate as and for a public park a parcel of land belonging to Catherine F. Hickey, bounded and described as follows: southwesterly by Mendum street 53 feet; northwesterly by land now or late of Hugh Fitzpatrick 101 20/100 feet; northeasterly by Arnold Arboretum 151 75/100 feet; southerly by land now or late of James Sheffield 134 75/100 feet; containing 10,102 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated September 13, 1897, on file in the office of this Board.

City of Boston,
by Charles E. Stratton
Laban Pratt
John F. Wheelwright
The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

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Boston September 16, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office at 12.30. P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

A conference was held with Judge Harriman regarding the award of damages for the taking of lands of Alonzo F. [illegible] for the Strandway. The Commissioners agreed to look at the lands and to communicate further with Judge Harriman in the matter.

A proposition was received from H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, Public Buildings' Department, and it was

Voted, to accept the proposition of the Electrical Construction

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Division, Public Buildings Department to install the conduits, wires and poles for lighting Jamaica Park, as indicated on the Engineer's plans for twenty-five cents per wire-foot and the cost of the poles; the work to be guaranteed by said Department for five years; and the poles and other details of construction to be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec.

Boston, September 17, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Wheelwright. Also present City Engineer Jackson.

Voted, that Charles G. Lawrence be appointed Secretary pro. tem. during the absence of the Secretary.

A communication from D. J. Donovan relating to the purchase and removal of building material on that part of the Strandway covered by his contract with the City was received. The offer was laid over and Mr. Jackson was authorized to procure bids for removal and storage of said material.

Chas. G. Lawrence
Secy pro. tem.

Boston, September 20, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also present Messrs Pettigrew and [illegible]. The records of the last meeting, also of special meetings of September 16th, and 17th, were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the petition for a foot-bridge at Longwood avenue, and it was

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Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a temporary foot-bridge at Longwood avenue in connection with the Brookline Park Department, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars, provided said department bear one half the expense.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Harvard Improvement Association, which was referred to Mr. [illegible] for reply, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a path from Canterbury street to Abbotswood Spring.

Voted, that the Superintendent commence planting at Copp's Hill Terraces as much as he may think desirable, and at the North End Beach on the line of Commercial street.

The Superintendent reported on the Board of Health's plans for Underground Public Conveniences, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent prepare plans with estimates of the cost of construction of underground sanitaries, suitable for Commonwealth avenue.

The Superintendent submitted two offers to supply loam at Jamaica Park for sixty and sixty-five cents each, and it was

Voted, that he be authorized to acept said offers.

The Superintendent reported on the bad condition of the sidewalks abutting Copp's Hill Terraces and the North End Park, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Street Department and to request that they be put in good condition.

Mr. Howe reported on the value of building materials at the Strandway and the cost of removing same, whereupon the Secretary was directed to invite Mr. Donovan to meet the Board at the Chairman's office on Wednesday at 11 A.M.

A communication from R. C. Sturgis recommending that cypress be substituted for pine in the Men's Bath House, Charlesbank, and that the ends of the timber be left uncovered, was received and laid over.

September 20, 1897. Mr. Pettigrew was asked to confer with the architects in regard to making the bath rooms in the men's bathhouse at the North End Beach, more secure against thieves, by covering each bathroom with wire netting and extending the partitions nearer the floor.

James Dolan came before the Board and asked that he be allowed compensation for extra work in grading at M street playground; and the matter was referred to Mr. Howe.

Mr. John C. Cobb and Congressman Fitzgerald appeared before the Board. Mr. Cobb reported on the offer of Holbrook & Co. to sell the land of [illegible] Cushing Hrs. and Geo. W. Smith Hrs. on the Strandway for $17,000. as excessive, and the Secretary was instructed to notify them that their offer was not accepted.

Congressman Fitzgerald stated that he was asked to appear in behalf of his clients who had authorized him to settle with the Board for their estates at the following amounts: Ellen Gallagher estate $7000.00; David Flynn estate $[illegible]; Jenkins $[illegible]; Daniel [illegible] and the Crosby estates at double their assessed valuations.

Chas. G. Lawrence,
Secy. pro-tem.

Boston, September 22, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office of Mr. Stratton at 2.30 P.M. Present: Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Mr. Howe.

The offer of S. J. Donovan, dated September 16th, for the purchase of building material on the Strandway, together with the City Engineer's estimate of its value, dated September 20th, came before the Board and it was Voted, that the Chairman write Mr. Donovan that the Board will sell the materials for $200. and leave the question of compensation for trouble in handling the same to the final settlement of the contract.

A letter from Mr. R. C. Sturgis to the City Engineer was read, and it was

Voted, that the contractor for building two wooden piers be directed to omit the coat of varnish on wood work called for in section 29, article [illegible] of his contract.

Chas. G. Lawrence,
Secy pro. tem.

Boston, September 27, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent presented a communication from Herbert P. Cushing asking for a room in the refectory building for the use of golfers, and it was

Voted, to refer the same to the Superintendent for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for underground conveniences at Commonwealth avenue to cost about $3280, also for one above ground in the vicinity of Ward's Pond to cost about $[illegible], both of which plans were laid over.

Mr. Howe submitted a plan for proposed culvert at Neponset Playground, which was laid over.

A petition from Evangeline M. Robinson and others, requesting that a portion of the Women's Bath House at North End Beach be kept open for another month was received and referred to the Superintendent who reported that he had already given the matron instructions to keep open during the continuance of the present warm days."

A communication was received from the Board of Police relating to instructions given to

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the Park Police and the submitting of reports to this Board, was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the Health Department relating to offensive odors from the excavations at Longwood avenue bridge which the Superintendent stated had been attended to by Mr. French, Town Engineer of Brookline.

A communication from S. J. Donovan agreeing to the purchase of materials on the Strandway, as stated in the Chairman's letter of September 24th, was received and referred to the Law Department.

A communication from Mr. R. C. Sturgis relating to the Contractors moving the Men's Bath-house at North End Beach after October 1st, was received and the Secretary was directed to answer by saying that they must comply with the terms of the contract.

An invitation from the Cambridge Park Commissioners to inspect their season's work was received and the Secretary was instructed to accept the same for the Chairman and Superintendent.

Voted, that for the convenience of the department a telephone be placed in the office of the Chairman, at the expense of the City.

Voted, that the Lease of the Head House to Mr. Bow be approved, and that the Superintendent present it to him for his signature.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to macadamize the Parkman drive after the laying of the Metropolitan Water Pipes.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the old building at Ward's pond recommended in his letter of August 2d.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a walk between Franklin Park and the Forest Hills arches, as recommended in his letter of August 2d.

Voted, that the Superintendent prepare and submit plans for carriage sheds at Jamaica Park.

Chas. G. Lawrence
Secy pro. tem.

Boston, October 11, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wainwright. Also present Mr. Pettigrew and Prof. Charles S. Sargent. The records of the last meeting and special meeting of September 22, were read and approved.

Messrs Mooney, Flood and Powers, a committee of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club came before the Board and asked that the wall intended to be built at K street be constructed at once as the sea was liable to wash away the bank and damage the club house. The Commissioners replied that their funds would not admit of the building of the wall, but that they would suspend dredging at this point for the present.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted bids for fence at North Brighton and First Street playgrounds as follows:

		North Brighton	First Street	Totals
James Flynn,	Boston.	$2,079.98	$2,801.18	$4,[illegible]
C.T. McLauthlin Co.	"	2,939.97	3,921.79	6,861.76
W.H. Snow & Co.	"	1,593.09	2,125.11	3,718.20
Van Dorn Iron Co.	Cleveland	1,882.74	2,511.49	4,394.23

and the Secretary was directed to notify the Mayor that the balance of appropriation for Brighton Playground is insufficient to erect the fence, and to request his consent to the making of a contract for the fence for the First Street Playground without advertising.

A report was received from the Superintendent relative to the retention of the pumping station at Jamaica Park, recommending its removal. At the request of Mr. Pratt action on the report was postponed.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to continue

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the sub-grading of the driveway in the extension of the Arboretum by day labor, and make such changes in the plan of circuit drive and around Peter's Hill as the contour of the ground may make desirable in his opinion and that of Prof. Sargent; and to not construct the road from the circuit drive to the top of Peter's Hill.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to transfer the sheep to the Barn at Franklin Field and remove the Galvin house and barn at Franklin Park.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to put in a covered culvert on the line of the brook running from Perkins Street, to Jamaica pond.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the steps and path running from Willow pond road towards Leverett pond.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to gradually improve the border plantations along the driveways at the Fens, by replanting and renewing the trees as he may consider necessary.

Voted, that the Superintendent be requested to submit a plan for the discontinuance of the uncompleted paths in Leverett park, recommended by him in his letter of August 2, 1897.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to inspect nursery stock at Rochester and Philadelphia, and to purchase shrubs and trees to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to arrange with John Evans & Co. to repair the sgraffito work at the Head House on their estimate that the work will not exceed five hundred dollars.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to prepare a drainage plan for the Nazingdale district of Franklin Park, and report an estimate of cost.

Mr. John C. Cobb came before the Board and reported that he had obtained an agreement from Charles W.

Bates for a settlement of damages for the taking of estates numbered 45 and 47 Prince street for the North End Playground, for $22,500 subject to taxes for the year 1897, and it was

Voted, that Whereas by an act of this Board passed May 25, 1897, two certain parcels of land, each containing six hundred and thirty-two square feet, more or less, situate on Prince street in the City of Boston, supposed to belong respectively to Catherine Crosbie and to the Heirs or Devisees of Frank Crosbie, were taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Charles H. Bates the sum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Voted, that the Law Department accept title to the estates 45 and 47 Prince street from Charles H. Bates, subject to the taxes for the year 1897.

The matter of employing experts in regard to the Strandway taking was referred to Mr. Wheelwright.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relative to the proposed bridge for the traffic road across the Fens south of the B. & A. R.R., was received and referred to the Chairman to arrange a conference with the Street Commissioners regarding the same.

An order of the City Council authorizing the expenditure of three thousand dollars for the purpose of repaying 60% of the assessments for betterments on Dorchesterway was received and placed on file.

A communication from C. J. McCormick accompanying a list of parties who are entitled to repay-

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ment of betterments, was received and referred to the Secretary to verify the lists and report it for further action.

A notice from the City Clerk of claims against James Doonan, contractor at Arnold Arboretum was received and placed on file.

A communication from Jerome J. Pastene giving notice that he has filed labor claims against the City of Boston, requesting that the matters be adjusted without bringing suit, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board cannot undertake the adjustment of claims against contractors further than to hold money due them as provided for under the contract.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water Board stating that the Chairman's letter relative to the parkway on the west side of Jamaica pond had been referred to the chief engineer, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Kate Gannett Wells relative to the opening of the winter classes at Charlesbank, was received and laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Olmsted's bill for services in connection with the plans of Columbia road was received and referred to the Street Commissioners to be included in the first cost of the work, the expense of which is subsequently to be divided between the two Departments

A notice of a hearing for a license to fill in Mystic River, adjoining Charlestown Heights at the office of the Harbor and Land Commissioners, State House, was received and referred to the Secretary, to attend the hearing.

A communication from the Street Department, relative to the construction of a catch basin near Forest Hills bridge, the cost of same to be charged to the Park Department, was received and referred to Mr. Wheelwright.

A communication from A. H. Folsom offering a number of Park Photographs for sale was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department relative to the underground electrical work at Jamaica Park, was received and placed on file.

Voted, that the vote of this Board of September 16, 1897, accepting the proposition of the Electrical Construction Division to install conduits, wires and poles for lighting Jamaica Park, be rescinded and that said work be included under the Boston Electric Light Company's contract; also that the proposition of the Boston Electric Light Company to install a conductor for the incandescent light service in conjunction with the arc lighting be accepted.

A request of Charles Fottler for permit to locate a temporary building on Franklin Field for sharpening and repairing skates, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of H. D. Mandell that a post box be located in the Fens was referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

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A conference was held by Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright with Mr. Dore of the Street Commissioners regarding the grade of the bridge on the traffic road through the Fens.

Mr. J. C. Olmsted submitted plans of bridge as proposed by him. City Engineer Jackson, who was also present, stated that he would recommend a bridge with two central piers similar to the railroad bridge which would allow of its being built at the grade recommended by Mr. Olmsted. Mr. Dore stated that the Street Commissioners would

October 15, 1897. agree to the construction of the road substantially in accordance with Mr. Olmsted's plan. Subsequently a view of the site was taken.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 18, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright. Mr. Pratt being absent from the City. Also present Messrs. Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Messrs Thomas F. Bell and Dr. Charles B. Belt, members of a committee of the Citizen's Association of South Boston came before the Board and presented the request of the association that the pools in Marine Park originally intended for a salt water aquarium be filled and the land utilized for park purposes. The Commissioners agreed to visit the park and subsequently directed the Superintendent to report the cost of filling the pools.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report in writing recommending the construction of paths and plantations bordering the glade at the North East corner of Franklin Park, the filling of the ponds with the stone and rubbish on the ground, the removal of two flights of stone steps on the slope of Hagborn Hill, the removal of wash basins from North End Beach to Franklin Field, and the placing of gates at the Arboretum Entrances; also the filling of the three ponds adjoining Ward's Pond and a re-arrangement of the walks on the adjoining hill in accordance with plans submitted. It was

Voted, to adopt the Superintendent's recommendations excepting those with reference to the filling of the Ponds at Franklin Park and Leverett Park, and the procuring of designs for gates at the Arnold Arboretum.

The Secretary was directed to invite Professor Sargent to come before the Board at its next meeting to explain the necessity for gates.

Voted, that the Superintendent procure designs and

from Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge for a wall or fence between the park lands and Washington street on either side of the southerly end of the Arborway Arches.

Mr. Howe reported that Mr. Jackson had been notified by the Mayor to make arrangements for receiving filling at Fellows street Playground and by Mr. Jackson's directions [illegible] there to receive it. The matter was referred to the Chairman to inquire of the Mayor why the filling is being done, as the Park Commissioners have authorized no one to do the work.

A communication from the Landscape Architects accompanying plan and elevation of bridge and grading in connection with proposed traffic street across the Fens, was received and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the report to the Street Commissioners.

A plan of a street to parallel Jamaicaway and relieve it of danger of being occupied by street cars and heavy traffic was also received from the Landscape Architects and placed on file.

An order of the City Council authorizing the expenditure of the balance of appropriation for playstead, North Brighton, for the construction of same, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Superintendent of Lamps for approval of electric lamp locations on Commonwealth avenue, with plan of same, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the City Messenger for permission to rope off North End Park for drilling of firemen October 21st, was received. Mr. Howe stated that the

October 18, 1897. contractor for the piers objected to the display unless he would be guaranteed against loss or damage by fire. The Secretary was directed to notify the City Messenger that the Board cannot consent to the display as it might result in the destruction of the piers and also on account of danger of loss of life from people thronging the unfinished piers.

Communications from Wm. P. Hesselhoeft relating to laying the brick sidewalk beyond the grass plots at 176 and 178 Commonwealth avenue, also communication from James Langley regarding plank walk on Commonwealth avenue, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from F. F. Crommett calling attention to damage to trees and shrubbery at Fellows street playground was received and referred to the Superintendent and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to the Police Department.

On recommendation of Mr. Pettigrew it was

Voted, that Charles Fottler be granted permission to sharpen skates and sell skates and skate straps at Franklin Field for the coming season under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Voted, that Gilman J. Raymond be granted permission to sharpen skates and to sell skates and skate straps at Jamaica Pond for the coming season, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 25, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Howe and Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Cadigan, agent for

Mrs. Katherine E. Hickey, had stated to him that Mrs. Hickey asked forty cents per foot for the land taken from her for an entrance to the Arnold Arboretum. After discussion it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to make an offer of $1200. through Mr. Cadigan to Mrs. Hickey in settlement of the damages.

Mr. Pettigrew reported on the application of the Superintendent of Lamps for approval of electric lamp and pole locations on Commonwealth avenue; that the lamps, poles and overhead wires had already been set up and were very unsightly. It was thereupon,

Voted, to request the Superintendent of Lamps to remove the poles, wires and lamps placed by him on Commonwealth avenue without the permission of the Board.

A communication was also addressed to the Police Commissioners asking why this work was not prevented by the police.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a plan from Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge for a wall between Morton street and the Parkway; and it was referred back to him for an estimate of cost, utilizing the old building stone at Franklin Park in the construction of the wall.

Mr. Howe stated that Mr. Dolan claimed 2281 cubic yards of gravel excavation at 15 cents per cubic yard and ten yards of rock excavation at $2.25 per cubic yard, a total of $364.65; and $100. for removing trees.

Mr. Howe stated that he had agreed to recommend the first two items but declined to approve the latter. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate to include the extra work recommended to be allowed by Mr. Howe.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to consult A. W. Longfellow for preparing designs for gates at the Arborway gateways.

Voted, that the Superintendent prepare a plan and

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estimates for completing the part of Marine Park originally intended for a salt water aquarium, with an estimate of cost of said improvements.

A communication from the Landscape Architects accompanying plan for Dorchester avenue playground, with addition of triangular plot belonging to the Gibson School Fund, was received and placed on file.

Executive circular relating to payment for work done by other departments was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that a portion of the playground in South Boston be flooded for skating was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the beach at the Head House, Marine Park, be put in good condition was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Secretary was authorized to continue temporary insurance on the pier at North End Beach until the question of permanent insurance is determined.

A communication from Forbes Lithograph Company relating to order for iron signs was received and laid over.

A report from John C. Cobb regarding the basis upon which he recommended a settlement for estates 45 and 47 Prince street, North End, was received and placed on file.

A communication from T. M. Moriarty relating to the taking of land at the corner of Walter and Mendum streets for a park entrance was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Police relating to instructions given to the police to protect trees and shrubbery at Fellows-street Playground, was received and placed on file.

[illegible] John B. Martin, President South Boston Citizens' Association, regarding the work which the people of South Boston desire to have done at Marine Park, which was read and placed on file.

The Chairman submitted a communication from the Mayor in regard to filling the Fellows street Playground, and a reply was made calling the Mayor's attention to the circumstances as understood by the Board and the lack of appropriation for the purpose.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to repay under Chapter three hundred ninety-six of the Acts of 1897, sixty per cent. of the assessments levied upon the following estates on account of the laying out of the [illegible] be charged to the special appropriation of $3000. approved by the Mayor September 24, 1897:

John E. V. Hayden,	No.	26&28	on assessment plan,
Edward McIntyre,	"	31	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	35	"
[illegible]	"	36	"
[illegible]	"	37	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"

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[illegible] [illegible] lot 101 on recorded plan.

Hannah E. Young,	"	102	"	"
Emma C. Baxter,	"	103	"	"
James V. Devine,	"	112	"	"
Samuel B. Pierce,	"	113	"	"
John M. Keane,	"	115	"	"
Heirs of Ellen Gillespie,	"	116	"	"
J. Henry Sears,	"	118	"	"
Jane Sinnter,	"	119	"	"
Mary E. Rhodes	"	123	"	"
David B. Flint	"	124	"	"
D. Chauncey Brewer	"	128	"	"
Mary Ada Brewer	"	129	"	"

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, November 1, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wainwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and [illegible]. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that Antonio Gregori had made application for a renewal of the arrangement to take care of Castle Island during the summer months, including grass cutting at Castle Island and Marine Park, in return for the privilege of selling refreshments; and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to extend said arrangement for a period of three years.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to subgrade the traffic roads of the Arborway between Washington Street and Forest Hills street.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to exchange plants with the Washington Botanic Garden.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase nursery stock to the amount of $368.00 in addition to the amount heretofore authorized.

A communication [illegible] of Architect's Division, Public Buildings Department, enclosing order for extra work, amounting to $66.93, to close up the contract on the Head House, Marine Park, was received and the order approved.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company requesting permission to lay an underground conduit across Commonwealth avenue at Kenmore street, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the City Council requesting that a portion of Neponset Playground be flooded for skating, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Mrs. Wells accepting the offer of the Board in regard to winter classes at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent to arrange for the classes in accordance with said agreement.

A communication from Charles J. McCormick calling attention to the necessity of two electric lights in Dorchesterway between Dorchester avenue and Pond street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for examination and report.

A communication from A. P. Martin, Chairman Board of Police, regarding the erection of electric light poles and wires on Commonwealth avenue without a permit from this department, was received and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Superintendent of Lamps as to what action had been taken under the vote of the Board directing the removal of the poles, wires and lamps.

A communication from [illegible] Griffith, referred by the Mayor to the Board, requesting information relative to construction and improvement of park land, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Mr. Cobb reported that he had held conferences with Herbert S. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] regarding [illegible] property which was taken for the [illegible] playground. He said he thought the Bennet street land was worth about two thirds as [illegible] as the [illegible]

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street front. He put the value of the Bennett street estate at $8,500. and the Samoset place estate at $5200, a total of $13,700. and hoped to arrive at a settlement at about this figure

Mr. Bergman also came before the Board and stated that, in his opinion, the lot on North Bennet street is worth about $1.00 per foot less than the Prince street lot, or $11.00 per foot, and the building was worth about as much as the Prince street house or say $4.000. or a total of $11,000. There were mortgages aggregating $8,000. on this estate. The lot 7 & 8 Samoset place was worth $7.00 per foot, or $5,236. Mr. Wheat had spent $2200. on the buildings two years ago. He estimated that they would cost $4700. to build. There were mortgages of $4600. on this estate. Each estate rents for $600. per annum.

Mr. Cobb reported that Messrs Holbrook and Company had conferred with him regarding the estate of George H. Cushing and George H. Smith, taken for the Strandway, that they wanted about 5¢ per foot or twice the assessed value. Mr. Cobb said that he thought it could be settled for about one and one-half times the assessed value, and would try and get such an offer to report to the Board.

A communication was sent to the Mayor calling attention to the need of a playground near the intersection of Parker street and Huntington avenue.

A communication was received from the Mayor with reference to the taking of the Gibson School fund lands on the westerly side of Dorchester avenue for a playground, stating that the Corporation Counsel is of opinion that the transfer at the price proposed, which has been fixed by the City Council, is a proper one.

The Board thereupon estimated the expense of taking lands from the City of Boston as trustee of the Gibson School Fund for a playground at $37,500 and passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners,

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The City of Boston, by virtue and in pursuance of the authority given to it by chapter 225 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, does hereby, through its Board of Park Commissioners duly constituted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land belonging to the City of Boston as trustee of the Gibson School Fund and situate on both sides of Geneva avenue, in that part of Boston which was formerly Dorchester, an appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated expense of said taking having been made by the City Council of said City:- a parcel of land bounded northwesterly by Park street, 390 43/100 feet; northeasterly by a curved line of 20 feet radius forming the junction of Park street and Dorchester avenue, 43 11/100 feet; southeasterly by Dorchester avenue, 387 20/100 feet; southerly by a curved line of 20 feet radius forming the junction of Dorchester avenue and Geneva avenue, 41 52/100 feet; southwesterly by Geneva avenue 372 41/100 feet; westerly by a curved line of 15 feet radius forming the junction of Geneva avenue and Park street, 30 74/100 feet: containing 85,729 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land bounded northwesterly by Park street, 61 24/100 feet; northeasterly by a curved line of 30 feet radius forming the junction of Park street and Geneva avenue, 32 70/100 feet; northeasterly again by Geneva avenue, 443 3/100 feet; again northeasterly by a curved line of 40 feet radius forming the junction of Geneva avenue and Dorchester avenue [illegible] 3/100 feet; southeasterly by Dorchester avenue, 410 77/100 feet; southerly by land supposed to belong to Elbridge Smith, George B. Smith, Florence M. Bridgman and Walter S. Baker 330 74/100 feet; westerly by Bournside street, 617 40/100 feet: containing 169,328 square feet, more or less.

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Said parcels of land being shown on a plan for playground signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated July 6, 1897, on file in the office of said City Engineer.

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By, Charles E. Stratton
Laban Pratt
John T. Wheelwright
The Board of Park Commissioners of said City.

The Superintendent recommended that the Department purchase teams for maintenance work at the Fens and Riverway, and that some of the sheds attached to the Administration Building be used for stabling the horses. The Superintendent was directed to submit plans and estimates of the alterations which it would be necessary to make to carry out his plan.

Voted that the Superintendent be authorized to put up a temporary fence on Perkins street adjoining the pond.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, November 8, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a list of plants which he desired to order from the South Framingham Nurseries amounting to $320.75 and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase additional nursery stock at an estimated expense of $320.75

A communication from Walter H. Reynolds regarding the condition of the curbing on Commonwealth avenue near Massachusetts avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps, stating that he had referred the vote of the Board relating to Street Lamps on Commonwealth avenue to Mayor Quincy, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Arthur H. Bowditch submitting a plan of proposed elevation of the Somerset to be erected on Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East, for the approval of the Board in accordance with Chapter 397 of the Acts of 1897, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Voted, that whereas by an Act of this Board, passed November 1, 1897, two certain parcels of land situate on Dorchester avenue at the junction of Geneva avenue, containing respectively 85729 square feet, and 16,[illegible] square feet, belonging to the City of Boston as trustee of the Gibson School Fund, were taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said City of Boston, as Trustee of the Gibson School Fund, the sum of thirty seven thousand five hundred dollars, for all damages on account of said taking, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Gibson School Fund, Land for Playground.

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Nathaniel H. Taylor, City Collector, the sum of one hundred and five and 30/100 dollars in payment of the taxes for 1897, upon the estates of Charles N. Fairbairn, Owen Sullivan, John McGeeny, Patrick H. Garrity, Hannah Barry, and Bartlett and Margaret Finnerty, situated on Fellows and Hinneman streets, recently acquired for the purposes of a Playground; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City

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Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellows Street Playground, Additional Land.

Voted, that permission be and it is hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to construct and maintain under the surface of Commonwealth avenue between [illegible] Street and Kenmore Street, conduits and manholes and house connections with the wires and cables to be placed therein as shown on a plan submitted by said Company dated November 1897, and filed in the office of this Board.

The above permit is granted subject to the following provisions and regulations:

Said Company shall furnish in its said conduits accomodations for all wires belonging to, or to be used by the City, free of charge, whenever requested to do so by the Mayor; shall remove the location of the conduits and wires whenever directed and not until directed so to do by the Board of Park Commissioners and shall not disturb or interfere with any wires, pipes or sewers lawfully laid in such avenue or connected therewith.

All work under this permit shall be done to the satisfaction of this Board.

No work shall be done under this permit until said Company shall furnish a bond with surety, in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel conditioned to save the City harmless from any loss, cost, or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

Executive circular No. 26, directing that half-holidays be allowed all men in the employ of the City on election days, November 2, and December 21, 1897, without loss of pay as [illegible] compensation for those [illegible], was [illegible].

The Superintendent stated that he had allowed the men the usual half-holiday to vote at the State election, and it was

Voted, that half holidays be allowed in accordance with the usual custom.

A communication from Charles F. Engel calling attention to the conduct of the driver of a wagon marked Park Department No. 7, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from [illegible], stating that he has notified the [illegible] Company to [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible], was received and placed on file.

A notice to the Harbor and Land Commissioners of intention to fill the Strandway was approved and signed by the Chairman.

A communication was received from [illegible] objecting to the form of lease of the Head House, Marine Park, which had been presented to him for signature, as it practically [illegible], and because, under its provisions he ought not take in money enough to pay running expenses.

Mr. [illegible] also conferred with the Board regarding the lease and submitted figures of the receipts and expenditures for the past two years. The matter was taken under advisement and subsequently Mr. [illegible]'s communication was referred to the [illegible].

Mr. George A. [illegible]kerson came before the Board and requested permission to connect the thirty-foot private way, known as [illegible] street, with [illegible]way at [illegible]. The Commissioners objected to the entrance of a private way of that width into the parkway and subsequently directed the Secretary to ask the Corporation Counsel as to whether the Board is obliged to allow the entering of a private way

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into the parkway under the agreement for restrictions in Mr Nickerson's deed which provides for access to his lands adjoining the parkway.

The Chairman submitted a communication from Seth Mendell, calling attention to deposits in the Fens caused by overflow from Stony Brook and the fears of the neighborhood that it produces malaria and depreciates the value of adjoining property, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Superintendent of Streets and request the removal of the deposits complained of.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, November 15, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held in the office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, [illegible] and [illegible]. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report of the City Engineer of amount of filling deposited on the Fellows-street Playground, also communication from Mayor Quincy regarding the same, were received and it was

Voted that there be allowed and paid to [illegible] the sum of four hundred and ninety-six and 28/100 dollars, on account of filling deposited on Fellows-street Playground, as certified by the City Engineer under date of November 9, 1897, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Fellows-street Playground, Additional Land.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that he would confer with the Board later regarding some deposits at the outlet of Stony Brook, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Willis B. Allen, calling attention to the bad condition of the plantation of Commonwealth avenue beyond Charlesgate West, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission [illegible] taking a portion of Longfellow meadows, also two deeds of [illegible] west of Longfellow meadows was received, and the Board concurred in said taking as follows:

Know all Men by these Presents, that whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commission, duly established [illegible] by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being chapter [illegible] of the Acts of the year [illegible], has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local board, being the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in said Commonwealth, and for the purposes defined in said act, and in chapter 450 of the Acts of year 1895, certain real estate referred to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated [illegible] is shown upon a plan marked "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan Park Commission, Charles River Reservation, Plan of Taking Northerly [illegible] of Longfellow Meadows, Boston, Mass. [illegible] 1897, Wm. T. Pierce, Engineer xx" being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 123, to be recorded herewith:

Now, therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners [illegible] ty its approval of said taking, and its cons-

November 15, 1897. rence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Witness our hands this third day of November, A.D. 1897.

(signed) Charles E. Stratton
Laban Pratt
John T. Wheelwright

The Board also concurred in abandonments to Frederick H. Rindge of 32,580 square feet, and to the City of Boston of 120 square feet in accordance with plan No. 127, said concurrence being endorsed upon the papers submitted by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners for filing in the Registry of Deeds, with plans, copies of which plans are on file in the office of this Board.

A notice from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing regarding the license to fill in Boston Harbor between H. and Mt. Vernon streets, South Boston was received and referred to the Secretary to advertise the notice.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that he estimated the cost of making alterations in the sheds of the Administration Building on the [illegible] and purchasing four teams for maintenance work at $3,629.00, and the matter was laid over to the next meeting.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted the following bids for building a culvert at Perkins street, Jamaica Plain:

T. F. Broderick,	Jamaica Plain,	$ 475.00
Wm. A. Sawyer,	South Boston,	715.00
Thomas Minton,	Jamaica Plain,	850.00

and it was

Voted, that the bid of T. F. Broderick, be accepted.

Mr. Pettigrew also submitted plans and estimates for an iron fence at Copp's Hill Terraces and the Superintendent was directed to refer the matter to Mr. Olmsted for approval of the plan. (Report modified E.L.B. 23[illegible] " accepted " [illegible]5)

Communications to George A. Dickerson regarding his request for permission to connect Craft's Street with Jamaicaway at Leverett Park; and to the Superintendent of Streets regarding the depositing of crushed stone on Centre street at the West Roxbury Parkway, and regarding the care and maintenance of Seaver street were authorized to be sent.

The Board voted to authorize [illegible] to offer [illegible] without interest or betterments in the case of "A. D. Weld and Francis C. Welch, Trustees for land taken for West Roxbury Parkway, provided they give the usual deed and provided also they will give the City the option to take, within six months, at 2½ cents per square foot the additional lands shown on the plans at this office, as required to complete the parkway and estimated to contain 111,300 square feet.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to repay under Chapter three hundred and ninety-six of the Acts of 1897, sixty per cent of the assessments levied upon the following estates on account of the laying out of the parkway called Dorchesterway, said amounts to be charged to the special appropriation of $3000 approved by the Mayor September 24, 1897:

Mary E. Mitchell, No. 88½ on assessment plan,
Dennis Driscoll, No. 32

Voted, that the Trustees of the Commonwealth Avenue Fund be requested to deposit with the City Collector the sum of five thousand dollars, to be held by the City Treasurer for the purpose of assisting in the payment of the expenses of maintaining Commonwealth avenue and keeping it in repair as a macadamized roadway, in accordance with the Trust agreement.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, November 17, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office at 3 P. M. Present:

November 17, 1897. srs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright; also present the Mayor and Mr. Pettigrew.

After conference with the Mayor it was

Voted, that permanent insurance be placed on the Men's Bathhouse and westerly pier at North End Beach.

Mr. Pettigrew reported estimates of cost of team equipment for Administration Building, amounting to $3,079, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to proceed with the alterations in the building required to fit it for the purpose, and to purchase the horses, harnesses and wagons recommended by him.

Communications to the Superintendent of Streets regarding the care of Seaver street, and to the Trustees of the City Hospital regarding an extension of Dorchester park over a part of the territory of the Convalescents' Home, were approved and sent.

[illegible] Cobb came before the Board regarding a settlement with Herbert E. Wheat for land taken for North End Playground. Mr. Cobb stated that while he was ready to recommend a settlement of the estate 26 North Bennett street at $10,000, the owner would not take less than $10,300. The Commissioners suggested a compromise at $10,175 which Mr. Cobb said he would endeavor to bring about if the Board would formally award that amount. It was thereupon

Voted, that whereas by order of this Board passed May 25, 1897, a parcel of land containing seven hundred and ten square feet, more or less, situate on North Bennet street and Bennet avenue, belonging to Herbert E. Wheat was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said Herbert E. Wheat the sum of ten thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expen ses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

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Boston, November 23, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright; Mr. Pratt being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that the installation of three electric lights on Audubon road would cost about five hundred dollars and it was

Voted, that the Boston Electric Light Company be notified to do the work under its contract.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for water supply at the Copp's Hill Terraces, which he estimated to cost $325, and said that it could be done by the park force. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to do the work in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent reported that the Gas Company is desirous of laying their gas supply mains in the loam space or sidewalk of Dorchesterway. As this would be very injurious to tree growth he recommended the adoption of a resolution providing for the laying of all gas pipes in the roadways of the park system rather than in the sidewalks or loam spaces. It was thereupon

Voted, that all permits for laying gas pipes in the parkways be issued with the condition that the pipes be located in the roadways, subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

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Mr. Pettigrew submitted an application from John F. Dodson for permission to sell refreshments at Jamaica Pond during the skating season, and it was

Voted, that permission be granted for this season under the direction and control of the Superintendent.

A communication was received from the Mayor requesting that the bill for balance of filling on Fellows street Playground be paid out of Maintenance and made up by him by transfer, and it was

Voted, that permission be granted for this season under the direction and control of the Superintendent.

A communication was received from the Mayor requesting that the bill for balance of filling on Fellows street Playground be paid out of Maintenance and made up by him by transfer, and it was

Voted, that the Chairman approve a draft in favor of D. F. Connolly for $152.47 for filling Fellows Street Playground, in accordance with the Mayor's request.

A communication from A. Davis Weld, declining to accept the proposition of the Board for a settlement of his damages for the taking of land for West Roxbury Parkway and withdrawing previous offers, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets relating to surface drainage in the neighborhood of the Pine, also relating to the depositing and storing of crushed stone along the line of Centre street, West Roxbury, were received and placed on file.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted a new form of lease for the Head House which he said had been accepted by Mr. Dow's counsel. The form of lease was approved and it was

Voted, to lease the Head House to D. E. Dow under the terms of the lease reported by Mr. Wheelwright.

Subsequent to the meeting a hearing was given by Commissioner Wheelwright to James Doonan and his counsel R. W. Nason, for extra compensation on account of change of plan and alteration of contract for grading at the Arnold Arboretum. Mr. Nason submitted various items [illegible] due to change of plan and alteration of work amounting to $4,477.57, and stated that Mr. Doonan was compelled to keep nine double and six single teams idle during the winter, which he could have kept at work if the plans had not been changed. Mr. Nason said that Mr. Doonan had signed an agreement to do the work required under the change of plan for the prices stipulated in the contract under a misapprehension, and that however it might affect his legal rights it should not affect his equitable right to be treated fairly.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted an estimate from Assistant Engineer Putnam of the cost of covering Marine Park Bathing Beach between 0 and 15 contours with one foot in depth of sand, which was placed on file.

Mr. Howe submitted plans for the bridges to carry Ipswich street through the Fens, entitled "Masonry retaining walls, Abutments and Piers on Ipswich street" signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated November 18, 1897, and it was

Voted, that the construction of said bridges in accordance with said plans be approved, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the plans and send them to the Mayor for his approval, as provided in Chapter 523 of the Acts of 1897.

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A meeting was held with the Street Commissioners at their office at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright: the Street Commissioners

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and the Corporation Counsel also being present.

Conferences were held regarding street plans of the district west of the Fens and that bordering Jamaica Park on the east, the Board having submitted Messrs Olmsted's plans as a basis for discussion. The Street Commissioners stated that the Act of 1897 limiting width of streets which could be constructed under it to fifty feet and, therefore, they did not see how they could adopt Mr. Olmsted's suggestion for making them sixty feet. They also felt that it would not be possible to change the locations of the streets as proposed by Mr. Olmsted. They agreed, however, to round the corners where the streets entered the park roads, and adopt Mr. Olmsted's suggestion for introducing planting strips between the sidewalks and roadways, by narrowing the roadways proportionately, on all the streets where the construction has not already been ordered. In the latter case they referred the Board to the Superintendent of Streets, who has the power to construct the streets in accordance with any plan. The Street Commissioners also agreed to take the plan for streets at Jamaica Park under consideration.

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Boston, November 29, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wainwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps requesting instructions regarding the removal of electric lamps, poles, etc, from Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Hugh Farrell for extension of time on his contract for completion of the Strandway, was received and it was

Voted, that the time for completing the contract with Hugh Farrell for filling at the Strandway be extended for four months, provided that he will agree to maintain the filling to grade for the extended term as required under the terms of the contract.

A communication from Charles Fottler with sketch of building which he proposes to erect for sharpening skates at Franklin Field, as approved by the Superintendent, was received and placed on file.

A notice from the Assistant City Clerk of claims against S. J. Donovan was received and placed on file.

A communication from Andrew Houghton requesting that Ellen Burke be transferred to the gymnasium Wood Island Park, for the winter, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to lay the foundations of the proposed wall between Walter street and the Arborway by day labor.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to arrange for skating at Billings Field, during the coming winter, in addition to the grounds usually provided for this purpose.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to fill in the [illegible] near Ward's pond, Leverett Park, and the pond in the glade near Seaver street, Franklin Park, at his discretion.

Mr. Howe reported that the bank was washing away at K street to such an extent as to endanger the house of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club and the Secretary was directed to notify the Club to look out for its property.

Mr. Gardiner H. Shaw came before the Commission asking the approval of the plans for the Somerset Hotel to be erected on the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East. Mr. Shaw asked for the approval of the roof and certain dormer windows which are above the limit of height allowed without approval of the Board.

November 29, 1897. The Commissioners took the plans under consideration and referred them to the Landscape Architects.

Mr. C. N. Pierce, president of the Brighton Improvement Association, came before the Board and advocated filling North Brighton Playground with material from the Metropolitan Water pipe excavation. He also recommended an addition to Rogers Park for playground purposes and the laying out of a boulevard one hundred and twenty feet wide from Lake street to the Newton line, including the taking of Strongs' and Chandlers' ponds of 16 and 14 acres area respectively and some bordering lands for park purposes. The Commissioners took the plans under consideration but intimated that they could not recommend taking the lands referred to for park purposes unless the land owners would offer them to the City on favorable terms.

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Boston, December 6, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent recommended a plan for the drainage of the Nazingdale district of Franklin Park, which he estimated would cost $10,900. The plan was approved and the Superintendent was authorized to do the work in accordance with the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a plan of walks around the pools at Marine Park, and it was

Voted, that the plan be adopted and the Superintendent be authorized to construct the walks in accordance with the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for carriage sheds at the Administration Building, Jamaica Park, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to build the sheds at Jamaica Park in accordance with said plan.

The Superintendent was directed to extend the topographical survey at the corner of Chestnut and Perkins streets, with a view to rearrange the boundary of the park at this point.

Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a dike at Neponset playground to make provision for skating.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that he had detailed Mr. Bowler to the Paris street gymnasium, to alternate with Mr. Walsh during the winter months. The Superintendents action was approved.

The Superintendent reported that the name of Edmund J. O'[illegible] had been left off the payrolls for two weeks, owing to an injury which incapacitated him from work, but did not prevent his looking after the work most of the time. It was thereupon

Voted that the Superintendent allow him full pay for lost time.

The Chairman was authorized to communicate with the Brookline Park Commission and request concurrent action on its part regarding the filling of the ponds at Leverett Park.

Voted, to request the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to send a representative to confer with the Board on the questions of the location of the telephone poles and wires crossing the parkway at South street.

A communication from A. Shuman, President of the Trustees of the City Hospital, relating to the transfer of portions of land from the grounds of the Convalescents Home of the City Hospital to the Park Department, also communication from [illegible] Board of Health agreeing to comply with the terms of the vote of

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the Board extending the time for completing the filling on the Strandway, were received and placed on file.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay Annie A. Lyons, daughter of John Lyons, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department.

A communication from Henry H. Sprague, Chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board, regarding the laying of water pipes in the Parkman drive, also regarding the disposal of surplus material in the vicinity of Western avenue and North Harvard street, Brighton, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Communications from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver relating to bills for commission on Franklin Park refectory and carriage sheds, also regarding claim of J. J. Flynn for heating refectory building during construction, were received and laid over.

Mr. Pray submitted a report on the claim made by James Doonan for extra compensation on account of his contract for grading road at Arnold Arboretum, which was laid over.

A request from Charles A. Hayes for the privilege of standing two carriages at Charlesgate East and Commonwealth avenue, or elsewhere in that vicinity, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the laying out of streets in the Fens district and the placing of park edgestones at the corner of Boylston street and the parkway at Brookline avenue, also regarding the care of Beaver street, were received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets enclosing proposal of Holbrook, Cabot and Daly for substituting Portland cement for American Rosendale in masonry for Ipswich street abutments at an additional expense of $3700, in order to complete work two months ahead of time, was received and the Chairman was authorized to reply that the Board does not think it worth $3700 to have the Speedway done and finished a few months earlier.

A communication from Russell Sturgis M.D., calling attention to the present condition of the water of the Fens, and requesting that the nuisance be abated, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Mr. Wheelwright reported that he had made a settlement with Mr. Bow under the lease of the Head House by which Mr. Bow has made payment of $243.02, $\overset{92.92?}{\$335.12}$ being allowed for lighting the pier, Mr. Bow also giving an agreement to pay the proportion of the water bills which belong to him to pay when ascertained.

Mr. Bow and his counsel Mr. Henry N. Rice came before the Board regarding his taking a lease of the Franklin Park Refectory. Mr. Bow stated that he had examined the refectory and he does not consider it practicable to serve refreshments on the roof; the installation of an electrical plant was, in his opinion, necessary owing to the great expense of obtaining light from the Suburban Light and Power Company. It would also be necessary to have power to run the ice-cream freezers, and desirable to change the entrance to the toilet rooms to the outside of the building. Mr. Rice said that Mr. Bow was ready to lease the refectory on the same terms as the Head House, if the Board would make the improvements suggested by Mr. Bow.

A conference was held with Mr. Crowell, attorney for Daniel S. Ford, regarding the introduction of sewage into the Fens by the medium of Stony Brook and the steps necessary to take to remedy the evil. Mr. Crowell stated that he had instructions from Mr. Ford to investigate the matter thoroughly and take whatever action may be necessary to protect the interests of the property owners in the neighborhood. The Commissioners agreed that their engineer

December 6, 1897. should meet Mr. Crowell and the Superintendent of Streets on the ground to consider the situation and suggest a remedy.

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Boston, December 7, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

Mr. John C. Cobb submitted formal agreements from David F. Tilley, Ellen Gallagher and Joseph McCabe to settle their claims for damages for land taken for the North End Playground for $15,700, $6,500, and $4,975 respectively, subject to taxes for 1897. Mr. Cobb stated that the Tilley settlement was based on $7.50 per foot for the land and $7,000 for the building, which has lately been changed into an apartment house at considerable expense. The gross income was $1400 or $1500, net $1000. The other settlements were on a similar basis, or about double the assessed valuation with interest.

The several settlements as recommended by Mr. Cobb were accepted and it was

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 25, 1897, a parcel of land containing one thousand and sixty square feet, more or less, situate on North Bennet street, belonging to David F. Tilley, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said David F. Tilley the sum of fifteen thousand seven hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 25, 1897 two parcels of land containing respectively four hundred and thirty-one square feet and three hundred and ninety eight square feet, more or less, situate on Samoset place, in Boston, belonging to Ellen Gallagher were taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to said Ellen Gallagher the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 25, 1897, a parcel of land containing five hundred and forty-nine square feet, more or less, situate on Bennett avenue, in Boston, supposed to belong to [illegible] and [illegible] was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Joseph [illegible] the sum of five thousand and nine hundred and seventy-five dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the Chairman sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

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Boston, December 13, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its Office at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. Mr. Stratton was also present later in the meeting.

A hearing was given to Mr. W. Henry Winslow in the matter of tree cutting in the public parks. Mr. Winslow said that his object was mainly to seek information as to the standard of rule which governs the cutting or sparing of trees. The Commissioners replied that the general object sought in the cutting of trees was for the good of other and better specimens standing near them or for the general purposes of landscape. They suggested that Mr. Winslow meet the Superintendent on the ground to hear his explanation of the reasons for cutting particular trees which are intended to be removed.

A report from the Landscape Architects on the Somerset Hotel plans was received together with new plans from the architect of the building, and the matter was referred back to the Landscape Architects for further report.

A communication from E. H. Coleman regarding the planting of trees on the Fenway, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A petition of the Citizens' Committee of the Industrial Aid Society for the cultivation of vacant lots, requesting the use of a portion of park land in the vicinity of the Morton farm, was received and referred to the Superintendent to investigate and report if there are any park lands not now in use for the purposes for which they were taken of which temporary use could be given to the Committee.

[illegible] of the Assistant Engineer on a claim for extra compensation made by James Doonan, for grading at the Arnold Arboretum, was taken from the table, and allowed.

Voted, to offer to Mr. Doonan $500 through his counsel.

The communications from Hartwell Richardson and Driver, relating to bills for commission on Franklin Park Refectory and carriage sheds, also regarding claim of J. J. Flynn for [illegible] refectory building, [illegible] [illegible]ton, were taken from the table and referred to the Chairman to confer with the [illegible].

A communication was received from William L. [illegible] calling attention to the rule excluding dogs from certain parts of the parkway, which is only partially enforced, and suggesting that the rule be modified or uniformly enforced on all alike, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for inquiry.

Voted, that whereas by an act of the Board passed May 25, 1897, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jenks, trustee, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to [illegible] E. Jenks, trustee, the sum of [illegible] thousand [illegible] hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

A petition was received from the [illegible] of Neponset and vicinity, requesting that arrangements be made for skating at Neponset Playground, which was placed on file.

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Boston, December 20, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners

December 20 1899. was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, and Pratt. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that the temporary use of that portion of Franklin Field could be given, without detriment to the interests of the department, to the Committee of the Industrial Aid Society which has in charge the cultivation of vacant lots by the poor and unemployed. The Secretary was thereupon directed to ask Mr Fiske, President of the Society, to confer with the Superintendent regarding the matter.

A communication from the Landscape Architects, regarding plans for altering the junction of Audubon road with Peterborough Street, was received, and referred to the Superintendent to furnish the architects with the necessary data to enable them to prepare a plan.

Mr H Prentiss Parker asked the Board to reconsider its intention to fill the small pond near Seaver street, as in his opinion it was desirable in the interests of the children of the neighborhood to retain the pond. The Chairman stated that the Board would refer the matter to the Architects and the Superintendent for consideration.

Mr. Howe stated that the survey of Castle Island was not quite completed. Four fifths of the work had been done but much of it had not been plotted. The completion of the work would cost $50 or $75. The Board voted, to postpone the matter for the present.

A communication from the Landscape Architects recommending the adoption of the plans of the Somerset Hotel, as revised, was received and it was

Voted, that the plans for the proposed Somerset Hotel submitted by Messrs Shaw and Bowditch, be approved so far as the approval of this Board is required under chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897; said approval being endorsed upon the plans.

A communication from the Board of Advisers' of the East Boston Gymnasium requesting that Tuesday evening be assigned to the special use of the East Boston Athletic Association, also that a smoke talk be permitted, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Julius Pratt regarding arrangement made by him for permanent insurance on the Men's Bathing establishment and pier at North End Beach, was received and it was
Voted, that the insurance be placed in accordance therewith.

A communication from Holbrook and Company withdrawing offer of settlement for the Cushing and Smith estate on the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

A communication from E. H. Pierce relating to filling on Brighton Playground was received. The Superintendent stated that he had looked into the matter and recommended an arrangement with Edward Welch to deliver filling at 50 cents per load of 1½ cubic yards. It was therefore
Voted, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase filling for Brighton Playground to an amount not exceeding the balance of the appropriation available therefor.

A communication from S. J. Connors calling attention to the fact that the filling on the Strandway is being delayed on account of the delay of the Street Department to complete its work on L Street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive circular No. 28 regarding the enforcement of the Civil Service rules relating to temporary employment, was received and the Superintendent's attention called to it.

Executive circular No. 27 relating to receipts and expenditures was received, and the annual estimates for maintenance were prepared and transmitted to the City Auditor.

A communication from the Commissioner of

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the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club stating that the club will look after its club house and make arrangements for "shoring up the building if necessary, was received and placed on file.

Messrs Turner and Hutchins appeared for Robert Bacon, et. al. Trustees, to remonstrate against the betterment assessed upon their estate on Prince street, Jamaica Park, and the restrictions required by the Board as a condition to the granting of an abatement of 50% of the assessment. The Commissioners agreed to refer the matter to Mr Wheelwright to look into the question as to whether the restrictions in this and similar cases should be insisted upon, in view of the fact that the land does not abut upon the park proper but upon a highway bordering the park.

A communication was received from Henry A. May transmitting a vote of the Roxbury Military Historical Society, [illegible] to having the act passed by the Legislature permitting the City to widen Walter street on the Cemetery side, rescinded and the Burying ground placed in charge of the Park Commissioners, and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board will confer with the Committee at the next meeting of the Board.

A notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of an assessment of $780.80 for displacement of tide-water by filling at Charlestown Heights with a request from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth that the same be paid on or before January 20, 1898, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Harbor and Land Commissioners.

The Superintendent recommended that the wall between Morton street and Arborway be built by contract in accordance with a plan submitted by him, which he said was more suitable for the stone proposed to be used for this purpose than the design recommended by Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge. The matter was postponed owing to the lack of appropriation available for construction.

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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Messrs Pettigrew and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting a detailed plan for tree planting on Columbia road, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting that arrangements be made for a meeting to discuss the matter of the Back Bay Fens, was received and referred to the Chairman to arrange for a conference.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the extension of the sewer in E street, South Boston, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent was authorized to give to Rev. William T. Crocker for St. Mary's Mission to Sailors, some old chest-weights from the Paris Street Gymnasium, estimated less than one dollar in value.

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Thomas L. Jenks, Trustee, the sum of $78.00, being the taxes assessed upon estate numbered 13 and 15 Bennet avenue taken for the North End Playground, and which taxes were to be assumed by the City as a part of the settlement with him, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Nathaniel H. Taylor, City Collector, the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars in payment of the taxes for 1897, upon the estates of Charles W. Bates, Vito A. Lespasio, Herbert E. Wheat formerly of John [illegible], David F. Tilley formerly of Savino Lespasio and Mariangela Ferullo, Joseph [illegible] formerly of Angelo and Carmina Carbone, Ellen Gallagher, Patrick

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and Ellen Gallagher, situated on Prince street, Samoset place, North Bennet street and Bennet avenue, recently acquired for the purposes of a playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, North End.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to repay to Mary E. Allman six and 66/100 dollars, under chapter 396 of the Acts of 1897, and that the sum of $[illegible].34 now standing against her on the Collector's book be abated, said amounts aggregating sixty per cent. of said assessment.

A communication from P. E. Tomey relative to the time when he can vacate premises at Franklin Field, was received and placed on file.

Mr. A. H. French came before the Board and submitted plans for a temporary foot-bridge across Muddy river and the railroad at Longwood avenue, which he estimated would cost $600. Action thereon was deferred to enable the Board to examine the plan.

Messrs. Henry A. May, C. N. S. Bullard and Stephen H. Williams, a committee of the Roxbury Military Historical Society, came before the Board to confer in regard to having the act of 1892, authorizing the taking of a part of the Old Burial Ground to widen Walter street, rescinded, and the ground placed in the custody of the Park Commissioners as a part of the Park System to be kept as a memorial of the old settlers. The Commissioners stated that their plans contemplated an entrance to the Arboretum from Walter street and that the lay of the land made it desirable to construct it through a corner of the Cemetery. The Committee stated that they would not object to this if the plans were drawn so as to disturb the Cemetery as little as possible. The matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if a plan can be devised in accordance with the views of the

Committee.

Mr. Charles F. Pierce came before the Board and stated that the owners of Chandler's Pond would lease the land to him for six months for six cents per foot. He also stated that Mr. J. P. Lovering wants eight cents per foot for his interest in Hammond's Pond and would not donate the land. Mr. Pierce also said that Dana Cotes and Mr. Hinckly were anxious to have something done to secure the building of the boulevard and that they have signed releases which allow two years for its construction.

Mr. H. D. Turner appeared for Robert Bacon et. al trustees, and stated that they did not consider it wise to place restrictions upon their land as they could not tell how it might affect the land in the future. He presented a formal request in writing for immediate payment under the provisions of Chapter 185 of the Acts of 1894 which the Board took under consideration.

Copies of the order of the Railroad Commissioners regarding the maintenance of the present Brookline avenue bridge and the construction of the new bridge over the Boston and Albany Railroad at a height not less than the height of the present bridge; also a copy of the communication from the Board of Health to the Mayor and City Council regarding the sanitary condition of the Back Bay Fens, were received and placed on file.

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Boston, December 28, 1897

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

Voted, that the Chairman sign a communication to the City Engineer stating that, in

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the opinion of the Board, the present engineering force at the Department Headquarters is sufficient for all present needs; it, therefore, wishes to have the Department relieved as soon as possible, and not later than January 31st, the close of the fiscal year, from the expense of any part of Mr. Howe's salary and of all his assistants, which is now charged to the department.

The following resolution was also passed and a copy sent to Mr. Howe.

"The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston desires, on parting with the services of Mr. Edward W. Howe, to put on record its high appreciation of the ability, fidelity, and integrity with which he has performed his duties to this Department, during his many years of service."

A communication was received from the City Solicitor regarding a proposed settlement of the suit of Dorr, petitioner for the taking of the Russ marshes and flats for park purposes, for the sum of $60,000. net, the City to assume the taxes for the present year, and it was

Voted, to employ Mr. Henry W. Hunt as an expert on the value of the Russ estate taken for the Strandway.

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Boston, December 29, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

Voted, that the vote of the Board of September 20, 1897, authorizing the Superintendent to construct a temporary foot bridge at Longwood avenue, be rescinded.

Voted, to pay the Town of Brookline one half of the expense, not exceeding six hundred dollars, of a temporary foot bridge over Muddy River.

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